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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chairman McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 25. This bill will designate a section of Interstate Route 76 as the CPL Benjamin C. Dillon Memorial Highway. CPL Dillon served our country for 4 years before unfortunately he was killed in action on October 7, 2007.

CPL Dillon graduated from the Ranger Indoctrination Program in March of 2005, after enlisting into the Army in 2004, and served in the 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment. He served in the Battalion as a rifleman, grenadier, automatic rifleman, machine gunner, and gun team leader. CPL Dillon's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal 2nd award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Army Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He was also posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V Device for Valor, the Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal. To say CPL Dillon was an honored and decorated veteran is an understatement. He served our country with great honor.

CPL Dillon was also a distinguished member of Portage County. At Southeast High school he played baseball, basketball, and golf. He helped with the groundbreaking work to establish Edinburg Township Park, which has walking trails, baseball, soccer and football fields, playgrounds, and concession stands. CPL Dillon helped maintain the parks grounds and umpired there in high school.

Thank you to Chairman Baldrige and the members of the committee for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 25. We would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.