

RE: HB 521 Johnson Memorial Overpass

David Holthaus,

My name is Carla (Johnson) Jones. I live in Uhrichsville, Ohio with my husband Jeff. We have three adult children and two grandchildren. I am the niece of Specialist Ronald Gene Johnson who lost his life serving his country in Vietnam (May 10, 1967- February 7, 1968).

I am asking the state of Ohio for consideration and support to rename the former Township Road 286 bridge (currently connecting Johnson Drive) , as the Johnson Memorial Overpass. This bridge crosses over a highway that my family and I travel very frequently. We are reminded and proud of the service that Ronald gave for his country as we travel through that area.

I have inherited “Uncle Ronnie’s awards, letters, pictures, Bible, American Flag, and even the coins that were in his pocket. My Children have had the opportunity to share his awards in the History classes as they studied the wars. They were very proud to “ show them off”, and say that “Great Uncle Ronnie” fought in the Vietnam War.

I do not have many memories of “Uncle Ronnie”. I was only seven years old at the time of his death, but I know that he was a good man and proud to serve his country.

Please consider renaming the overpass bridge in memory of Ronald Gene Johnson.

Ironically, my father,( brother to Ronald), lost his life in a tragic motorcycle accident on the roadway under that very bridge. My family has a connection to Johnson Drive and The Bridge.

Thank You,  
Proud Niece of Specialist Ronald Gene Johnson  
Carla (Johnson) Jones