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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to come before you today and present sponsor testimony on House Bill 526.

This legislation will name a portion of US Highway 22 and 3 in Warren County to the “Lester and Mary Oeder Memorial Highway.”

In 1933, Lester and Mary Oeder built their first house along this stretch of road. The raised their family, owned and operated an excavating business, and found a home in Hamilton Township. Throughout the years, they would build more homes, own property, and build a lake that would be named in their honor after their passing.

For many years, the Oeder family has continued to be an integral part of Hamilton Township, especially along this portion of US Highway 22 and 3. What started as a place where a young couple chose to build their first home, this plot of land and stretch of road, has progressed to be a symbol of community and pride in Hamilton Township. Lester and Mary Oeder committed their lives to their family, their business, and their community. Naming this portion of road honors them and their work.

The community in Warren County fully supports this effort and the Hamilton Township Administrator has been especially helpful during this process.

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Once again, Chairman Baldrige and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 526. I would be happy to answer any questions.