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Good morning Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 624 which would designate the northbound and southbound lanes of State Route 142, between Interstate Route 70 and United States Route 40, in Madison County as “Firefighter Tommy Rees Memorial Highway.” While serving a 24 hour shift at the Jefferson Township Fire Department at the end of December, 2021, Firefighter Tommy Rees passed away in his sleep. He left behind a grieving wife, four young children and many friends at the Department and in the community. Firefighter Tommy Rees served with the Jefferson Township Fire Department for more than 6 years. Over the past months, those that he served with have worked to find ways to honor him, and I am pleased to help them by introducing this legislation. My hope is that this can bring a bit of comfort to a grieving community, as we remember and honor Firefighter Rees’ service and dedication to his family, community and department. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.