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Chair Baldrige, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on House Bill 746 – to designate Captain Charles R. Miner Memorial Bridge.

During his lifetime, Captain Charles Miner was truly an example of a citizen dedicated to his community, state, and country. In July 1957, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and was selected to serve in the prestigious “8th and I” Marine Barracks in Washington DC, the Marine’s oldest post and its main ceremonial grounds. Here, he performed the Corps ceremonial duties and was honored to provide protection for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. While stationed at Eisenhower’s residence in Rhode Island, the President personally awarded him a Presidential Coin in recognition of his service and professionalism while on duty.

Following his military service, Charles Miner joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol, serving at multiple patrol posts throughout the state, eventually working his way up the ranks to the position of Captain. During his time with the State Highway Patrol, he was selected for training at the FBI Academy where after graduation he returned to the Patrol with an advanced skill-set.

Following his retirement from the Highway Patrol, Captain Miner continued his service to Ohio as the Mahoning County Manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation. Upon retirement from this position he relocated to Florida, where he remained active within veteran’s organizations and served as Commandant of his local Marine Corp League Detachment.

A proud son of rural Columbiana County, few people exemplify a lifetime dedication to public service like Charles Miner. Captain Miner passed away on July 20th of this year. I see no better way to honor his legacy than to designate the Captain Charles R. Miner Memorial Bridge in Fairfield Township, Columbiana County where he was born, raised and built a family and career. Thank you for your time and I’d be happy to take any questions.