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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me to give testimony on Senate Bill 92, which would designate a portion of State Route 725 in the municipal corporation of Miamisburg as "Mayor Dick Church, Jr. Way."

In his 28 years as mayor of Miamisburg, Dick Church Jr has become an institution in our community. In his nearly three decades of public service, he has become synonymous with strong leadership. He is the pinnacle of what elected leaders should strive to be. As a Democratic mayor of a significantly Republican community, he has worked in a nonpartisan fashion to advance Miamisburg. When he announced his retirement, he was featured in *Forbes Magazine* for his work in cleaning up the former Mound nuclear site in Miamisburg. He singlehandedly was able to get the United States Department of Energy to significantly invest in its cleanup. As well, Mayor Church's visionary leadership has resulted in the revitalization of a walkable downtown Miamisburg.

I can think of no better tribute to my friend, Mayor Dick Church, than to name the downtown Miamisburg portion of State Route 725 after him. Mayor Church is someone I have known since I was in the third grade, and I have valued my friendship with him over the years. He is truly a Miamisburg institution and his tenure as Mayor has resulted in great prosperity for the city.

Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony today on Senate Bill 92. I am happy to take any questions from the committee.