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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 283.

For many years, I wanted to do something to remember the World War II veterans who saved the world in 1945.

When COVID started in 2020, I moved from my home of 87 years in Ashtabula, OH to live with my daughter in Pennsylvania. I now had the time needed to work on my idea. I began calling the Ohio legislature and was finally able to get to the right people to get this done.

My brother, Sgt. Raymond A. Corlew, was an Engineer in the 76th Infantry Division, 301st Engineer Regiment. He had enlisted in the Army in January 1943.

On February 9th, 1945, he was injured in Luxemburg trying to build a bridge across the Sauer River into Germany. He died February 11th. His squad completed that first bridge across the river as they were inspired by Raymond. He received the Silver Star at 21 years old.

Raymond was a natural born leader. He had a strong sense of devotion to duty, was always extremely cheerful, and was a source of inspiration to the other members of his organization. He was very popular among his fellow soldiers and the officers of his battalion. Raymond was a devoted son and a wonderful loving brother.

My husband's brother Pvt. Archie Emery was killed April 11, 1945, in France, not long before the war ended in Germany. He was killed on his daughter's 2nd birthday and had a 3 and 4 year at home also.

Dave (my husband) and I were only 13 and 14 years old when our brothers died.

Our brothers would not have wanted a road named just for them, but for all the World War II veterans who served and fought for our great country!

Sincerely,



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