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State Representative

Chair McClain, Vice-Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim and members of the House Transportation Committee. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 81 – designating “Sheriff Dale R. Williams Memorial Highway”.

It is my honor today to bring forth legislation to Honor Sherriff Dale R. Williams in respect to a life dedicated to public service. Born in Carroll County in 1948, Sheriff Williams endeavored to leave Carroll County better than he found it. While you have heard about his tremendous law enforcement career, Sheriff Williams dedication to public survive did not stop there. In addition to his 53 years of service to his community in law enforcement, Sheriff Williams worked as the service manager at Ewing Chevrolet for 21 years. The budgetary skills he displayed during his time as Sheriff were also apparent during his time at Ewing Chevrolet where he was recognized by General Motors with his admission to the ‘Only the Best Club’ . With an unmatched knowledge of cars, Sheriff Williams helped Carroll county residents stay on the road, and kept them safe while they were there. When asked about his goals as Sheriff, he responded “I want this county to be a better place to live, and that’s what we are trying to do”. I think we can all agree he accomplished that goal.

Unfortunately, after 54 years of service to the Carroll County community, Sheriff Williams passed away last September. I personally met Sheriff Williams and can speak first hand to what a tremendous, not only public servant he was, but human being. He was admired by his family, his co-workers and his constituents. He led the Carroll County police department into the 21st century. Sheriff Williams maintained his dedication to public service even posthumously, requesting donations be sent to the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office in lieu of flowers at his Memorial.

This Bill designates a portion of State Route 39 between Carrolton and Delray as “Sheriff Dale R. Williams Memorial Highway”, and his public service will continue as young residents drive on the stretch and remember the legacy of one of Carroll County’s greatest native sons.

Thank you for your time and I’d be happy to answer any questions.
