

Ohio House of Representatives



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Thank you for your testimony, Representative Lampton. Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on behalf of House Bill 75. As Rep. Lampton mentioned, this bill will designate State Route 72 in Greene County as the Caitlin Renee Preston Memorial Highway. Caitlin's joyful spirit reminds me so much of my own daughters, one of whom my wife and I lost to bone cancer and a protein anomaly this past October. Caitlin, like my own daughter Michal, loved spending time outdoors with her family and friends. Caitlin was a member of the choir at Kenton Ridge High School, from which she graduated a few weeks before her death. Additionally, her

athletic accomplishments earned her scholarships and a spot on the bowling team at Tiffin University, where she planned to study Forensic Science. Caitlin left a tremendous legacy during her time on this side of heaven, and it is our duty to keep her memory alive for many years to come. This highway is more than just a stretch of road – it is an enduring reminder of Caitlin’s brief but impactful life in western Ohio.

Thank you for your time today. Rep. Lampton and I welcome any questions from the Members of the Committee.