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Testimony, HB 119-Designate Dr. Steven Takacs Memorial Highway Bill

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the Transportation Committee,

Thank you for hearing sponsor testimony on House Bill 119, legislation that will dedicate a portion of Route 87 in Geauga County to an extraordinary man, Dr. Steven Takacs. This is a re-introduction of House Bill 469, introduced by Representative Diane Grendell in the 134th General Assembly. Graduating from the Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1986, Dr. Takacs went on to serve the Geauga community through his Newbury Family Practice. From 1986 to 2018, his practice had over 5,000 active patients, with Dr. Takacs routinely making house calls and hospice visits. Dr. Takacs was also an avid volunteer that was active in youth coaching, the Church of St. Helen, and veteran's affairs.

I will now give the joint-sponsor of HB 119, Representative Demetriou, the opportunity to share Dr. Takac's achievements over the course of his life.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Takacs held the following positions throughout his life:¹

- Captain, U.S. Army Reserves
- President, Newbury Family Practice
- VNS Hospice Medical Director, Geauga County
- Medical Advisor: Chagrin Falls Fire Department, Geauga County
- Medical Advisor: Newbury Volunteer Fire Department, Geauga County
- Medical Director: Holly Hill Nursing Home
- Physician: VA Medical Center
- Physician: Paladina Health
- Clinical Faculty: Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Clinical Faculty: Ursuline College, Nurse Practitioner Program
- Clinical Faculty: Kent State University, Nurse Practitioner Program

His accolades include:

- Elected "Top Family Practitioner" by Top Doctors Magazine

¹ Cass, Andrew. "Ohio House bill would rename portion of state Route 87 After Late Newbury Township" *The News-Herald*. <https://www.news-herald.com/2021/10/29/ohio-house-bill-would-rename-portion-of-state-route-87-after-late-newbury-township-doctor/> Confirmed by Mrs. Maria Takacs.

- Preceptor of the Year: Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Steven M. Takacs Memorial Scholarship established at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- ALS 5k race established in his name

Dr. Steven Takacs led an exemplary life. It is a privilege to be able to memorialize him through renaming a portion of Route 87 in his honor. Dr. Takacs dedicated his entire life to helping others and was a man of the highest moral character.

We thank you for hearing our testimony on House Bill 119 and would welcome any questions you might have on the legislation.



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Steve Demetriou

