

Tom Patton Sponsor Testimony – HB 107

House Transportation Committee

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Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim, and the Members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity and honor to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 107. This piece of legislation aims to designate a portion of Interstate 90 in Cuyahoga County as the “Cleveland Firefighter Johnny Tetrick Memorial Highway.”

Johnny Tetrick was a dedicated Firefighter, loving dad of three daughters and a devout Christian.

On November 19th, 2022, Cleveland Firefighter Johnny Tetrick was assisting at the scene of a crash on Interstate 90 east, near MLK Jr. Boulevard just past the hour of 8 p.m. Tetrick was struck by a car that failed to slow down at the scene of the initial crash. He proudly served the citizens of Cleveland for 27 years, and passed away doing what he loved.

House Bill 107 is one small way that we can honor the life of Firefighter Tetrick, as well as permanently memorialize him in the city he served for more than 20 years. It is an absolute honor to be able to acknowledge the service of a great man.

Chairman McClain and the Members of the House Transportation Committee, I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 107. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions.