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H.B. 448 – Sponsor Testimony

Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Dobos, Ranking Member Grim and esteemed colleagues of the House Transportation Committee – thank you for allowing me to speak to HB 448 which would establish the John P. Lennon Memorial Highway in Geauga County.

To put it simply, Mr. Lennon gave much back to his community. He was a manufacturing leader in our business community, serving as president of Abbot Valve and Fitting Company for 45 years.¹ While he achieved financial success, he prided himself in paying it forward. He was a major benefactor to several local police and fire departments as well as organizations like the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Geauga Blue Coats.² I personally remember touring many local law enforcement departments while first running for office in 2022 and hearing praise for Mr. Lennon for all of his generosity.

I have enjoyed getting to know some of John's children, and I know they would appreciate this committee's support for memorial highway in John's honor.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for bringing this bill before your committee, and I look forward to addressing any questions.

¹ <https://obits.cleveland.com/us/obituaries/cleveland/name/john-lennon-obituary?id=54480614>

² Ibid.