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## 82<sup>nd</sup> House District

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 620.

This legislation aims to name the US 24 county line in Paulding County as the "Pauling County Purple Heart Memorial Highway".

This legislation not only honors the brave men and women in uniform but their courage and valor. It also serves as a perpetual reminder of their unwavering dedication to defending our nations freedoms. There is significant importance in recognizing the sacrifices of those who have been wounded or paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

By designating a stretch of highway as a memorial to these heroes, we ensure that their legacy lives on for generations to come. It serves as a symbol of gratitude from a grateful nation and a poignant reminder of the cost of freedom.

This initiative has garnered widespread support from our community. Local veterans' organizations, civic groups, and residents alike recognize the significance of honoring our Purple Heart recipients. The designation of a Purple Heart Memorial Highway would not only serve as a point of pride for our community but also as a destination for visitors to pay their respects and learn about the sacrifices made by our military members.

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you all for your time and I will take questions at this time.