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Chairwoman Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and other members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for Senate Bill 110, a bill that would designate a portion of State Route 129 in Butler County as the “Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway.”

Like many of America’s, and specifically Ohio’s, brave men and women who enter into the Armed Forces, Anthony Vinnedge was a patriot dedicated to honor and duty, who ended up paying the ultimate sacrifice to defend and enshrine our freedoms and way of life. Anthony’s grandfather joined the U.S. Army in 1952, and served in the

Korean War. According to Anthony's mother, Anthony desired to follow in his grandfather's footsteps, and therefore, he joined the U.S. Army in 2002.

Anthony served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 3 years, as well as 2 years in the Ohio National Guard as a Patriot Missile battery operator. While overseas, he served 2 tours in Iraq, the last being with the 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry. And while he served at home, he operated out of the Armory on Symmes Rd. in Fairfield and Greenville, Ohio.

To honor and remember Anthony's service and sacrifice, Senate Bill 110 would designate the eastbound and westbound lanes of State Route 129 between Chapel Rd. and the border of Indiana, in Butler County, as the "Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway." This location is significant because this is where the Vinnedge family have established their presence in Ohio since the 1930's. According to his mother, it's where Anthony had his fondest memories growing up on their 90+ acre

family farm, and St. Charles Church, which is on this stretch of roadway hoping to be designated, was the family parish.

There is no way to adequately express the sorrow, and yet gratitude we as Americans feel when one of our servicemen or women give their lives for our freedom, but one way that we can help to honor them is by keeping the memory of them alive. This roadway designation will do that for Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge and for his family. I thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on SB 110, and I would be happy to take any questions.