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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on H.B. 26, which would establish the “Town and Country Firefighter Lt. Philip M. Wigal Memorial Highway.”

In the afternoon on Monday, April 11th, 2022, Phil Wigal responded to the scene of a vehicle accident on I-71 south in Wayne County. There, he tragically lost his life while performing his duties as a firefighter. Phil became a part-time firefighter in 2005, was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011, and was hired to work full time in 2014. There is no doubt that Phil devoted his life to public service and to his family, as he was described as a “devoted family man” by Town & Country Fire District Chief Adam Hory.

Last General Assembly, the entire House of Representatives welcomed Phil’s father Mike, his mother Kathy, his wife Linsdey, and his two daughters to the chamber to recognize Phil’s actions in the line of duty. Today, we are asking that you continue to honor his legacy with this memorial highway, as a reminder of the sacrifice Phil made for his community. Thank you for considering this legislation and I can answer any questions you may have.