



State Senator Mark Romanchuk
Senate Bill 191 Sponsor Testimony
Ohio Senate Transportation Committee
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Good Afternoon Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 191, which designates a portion State Route 39 in Richland County as the “PFC Richard 'Rick' Wesley McFarland Memorial Highway.”

Richard McFarland was born on November 22, 1949, in Lucas, Ohio. Growing up on the family farm, Mr. McFarland enjoyed working with animals. As an active member with FFA, he would show sheep and steer annually at the Richland County Fair. He attended Clark County Technical Institute to study agricultural business. After his graduation in 1969, he enlisted in the Army.

Mr. McFarland was deployed to Vietnam in June 1970 as a member of Company E, 1st Battalion 52nd Infantry American Division. During a reconnaissance mission in the Quang Ngai Province on August 10, 1970, he tripped an explosive device and was killed.

Mr. McFarland gave his life for our nation and deserves to be remembered. It is my hope that this Memorial Highway will make sure that Richard McFarland is remembered for years to come.

Thank you for your attention today and for your support of this legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.