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House Bill 253 Sponsor Testimony

Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 253.

General Charles Young was a key figure in some of America's most important military and social history. Ohio should be very proud of this native Ohioan whose character paved the way for so many Americans to enjoy the "more perfect Union" we continually pursue.

General Young's life was an epic adventure. Highlights include:

- 1864- born in KY
- 1865- Dad Joined GAR
- 1889 – USMA/ 3rd black graduate
- 1889- 9th US Cav Fort Robinson Nebraska
- Ft Duchesne Utah/SgtMaj Benjamin O Davis
- 1894 – Wilberforce
- 1898 – USS Maine/ 9th Ohio Battalion (OH National Guard)/ Maj "Dynamite"
- 1899- Rejoin 9th Cavalry Fort Duchesne, UT
- 1901-9th Cav to Philippines (Spanish American War caused Philippine Insurrection) (4200 US fatalities)
- 1902- Return to US
- 1903- Sequoia National Park/ Lone Pine Capt
G.A.R., IOOF (Odd Fellows), Booker T. Washington. 2004 Col Charles Young Tree
- 1904- Military attache to Haiti
- 1912 Military attache to Liberia
- 1915 – 10th Cavalry Ft Huachuca (Pancho Villa Punitive Expedition) LtCol
- 1917 – Retired/ Col

1920 – Military Attache to Liberia

1922 – Died

1923 – Arlington funeral and burial (4th US military member in history)

As a member of Ohio's planning committee for America's 250th birthday, ensuring we all recognize common heroes in our past is critically important. We have a great opportunity and a great responsibility to ensure we keep the entire story of our country alive, and this specific road naming is a phenomenal addition to Ohio's rich reputation for being the home to America's finest military leaders.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on this bill, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.