



**Representative Thomas F. Patton**  
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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 107. This bill aims to designate a portion of Interstate 90 in Cuyahoga County as the “Cleveland Firefighter Johnny Tetrick Memorial Highway.”

Johnny Tetrick was a dedicated Firefighter, loving dad of three daughters and a committed member of Willoughby Hills Friends Church. He was known by his friends and family for his warm smile and calming presence in the face of adversity.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Johnny Tetrick was assisting at the scene of a crash on Interstate 90 east, near MLK Jr. Boulevard, when he was struck by a hit-and-run at the scene of the initial crash. He proudly served the citizens of Cleveland for 27 years, and died honorably in the line of duty that day. Johnny's favorite verse was John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for his friends," and this is exactly what he did.

House Bill 107 is one small way that we can honor the life of Firefighter Tetrick, as well as permanently memorialize him in the city he served for so long. It is an honor to be able to acknowledge the service of a great firefighter, citizen, and father.

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 107, and I welcome any questions from the committee.