



**State Senator Stephanie Kunze  
District 16**

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Senate Bill 282 Sponsor Testimony

Thank you Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 282.

This legislation would designate a portion of I-270 between Cemetery Rd. and Roberts Rd. in Franklin County as the “PFC Henry “Rick” Hausman, Jr. Memorial Highway.” Rick, a Columbus native, was a student and football player at Ohio State University. Having come from a family with military history (his father having served in the Pacific theater during WWII), chose to walk away from his time spent at OSU to enlist in the Army in September 1968.

After completing his training, Rick was deployed to Southeast Asia where he served as a Scout Observer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1969 until he was killed in action on May 27, 1969. He was posthumously awarded the third highest military combat decoration, the Silver Star, for his valor and selfless actions of sustaining hostile enemy fire and returning the assault to allow for medical aid to evacuate the wounded.

Senate Bill 282 is the result of outreach to my office from Doug Maggied, Rick’s best friend from high school. In honor of Rick’s life and memory, Senate Bill 282 will serve as a reminder of Rick’s courageous actions and sacrifice to his country.

Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 282. I am happy to answer any questions that you might have.