



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur

Testimony HB 38-Designate Dr. Steven Takacs Veteran Memorial Highway Bill

Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the Transportation Committee,

Thank you for hearing sponsor testimony on House Bill 38, legislation that will dedicate a portion of Route 87 in Geauga County to an extraordinary man and veteran, Dr. Steven Takacs. This is a re-introduction of House Bill 119, from the 135th General Assembly, and HB469 introduced by Representative Diane Grendell in the 134th General Assembly, with the notable exception that our office only recently became aware of Dr. Takacs military service.

Graduating from the Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1986, Dr. Takacs went on to serve the Geauga community through his Newbury Family Practice. From 1986 to 2018, his practice had over 5,000 active patients, with Dr. Takacs routinely making house calls and hospice visits. Dr. Takacs was also an avid volunteer, he was active in youth coaching, the Church of St. Helen, and veterans affairs.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Takacs held the following positions throughout his life:¹

- Captain, U.S. Army Reserves
- President, Newbury Family Practice
- VNS Hospice Medical Director, Geauga County
- Medical Advisor: Chagrin Falls Fire Department, Geauga County
- Medical Advisor: Newbury Volunteer Fire Department, Geauga County
- Medical Director: Holly Hill Nursing Home
- Physician: VA Medical Center
- Physician: Paladina Health
- Clinical Faculty: Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Clinical Faculty: Ursuline College, Nurse Practitioner Program
- Clinical Faculty: Kent State University, Nurse Practitioner Program

His accolades included:

- Elected "Top Family Practitioner" by Top Doctors Magazine
- Preceptor of the Year: Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

¹ Cass, Andrew. "Ohio House bill would rename portion of state Route 87 After Late Newbury Township" *The News-Herald*. <https://www.news-herald.com/2021/10/29/ohio-house-bill-would-rename-portion-of-state-route-87-after-late-newbury-township-doctor/> Confirmed by Mrs. Maria Takacs.

- Steven M. Takacs Memorial Scholarship established at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- ALS 5k race established in his name

Dr. Steven Takacs led an exemplary life. It is a privilege to be able to memorialize him through renaming a portion of Route 87 in his honor. Dr. Takacs dedicated his entire life to helping others and was a man of the highest moral character.

I thank you for hearing our testimony on House Bill 38 and would welcome any questions you might have on the legislation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Fowler Arthur". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name below it.

Sarah Fowler Arthur