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House Bill 228 - Designate SSG Jack W. Coy Veterans Memorial Highway

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 228 that seeks to honor the memory of one of Ohio's own, **Staff Sergeant Jack W. Coy**, a brave and selfless airman who gave his life in service to our country during World War II. Mr. Coy, just 20 years old at the time of his death, was born and raised in the Toledo area. Acting as a tail gunner when his aircraft was shot down over Gotha, Germany, Coy was one of six crewmembers who tragically passed away.

This legislation designates a portion of **Interstate Route 280**, specifically between **Navarre Avenue and Front Street in Lucas County**, as the "**SSG Jack W. Coy Veterans Memorial Highway**." As well as authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along this highway to reflect this designation.

This memorial highway is not just about one man; it is a recognition of the courage of all who have served, especially those who never made it home. It is a reminder to current and future generations of what it means to serve something greater than oneself.

I respectfully ask for your support in advancing this bill so that we may honor SSG Jack W. Coy and all veterans who have given their lives in service to our nation.

Thank you, and I am happy to answer any questions.