



**Representative Brian Stewart**  
House District 12

House Transportation Committee, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 37  
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Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim and the members of the House Transportation Committee thank you for hearing my testimony on House Bill 37 which designates a portion of State Route 56 in my district as “Detective Rex Emrick Memorial Highway” to honor a longtime Pickaway County Sheriff’s Deputy who lost his life in the line of duty.

Detective Rex Emrick dedicated almost all of his 47 years of law enforcement in Pickaway County. I got to work with Detective Emrick when I was a Pickaway County Commissioner, and so I had a front row seat to observe his dedication and commitment to protecting the people of Pickaway County. It is my goal with this legislation to honor his legacy and courageous career.

Detective Emrick did it all. He started as a dispatcher, then as an undercover deputy, and then as a detective. He worked with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office on child sex abuse cases, homicide cases, and virtually all of the toughest assignments to come through the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office. We were honored in Pickaway County to have had such an incredible example of what service truly means in our community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to honor him with this bill.

Now I would like to introduce my friend, Pickaway County Sheriff Matt Hafey, who can further speak to Detective Emrick’s life and positive impact on the community.