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Chair Willis, Vice-Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee. Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on HB432, which would designate the portion of east Kemper Road in Hamilton County, between Tri-County Parkway and Lebanon Road, as the "Patrolman Earl W. Casterline Memorial Highway."

State Highway Patrolman Earl W. Casterline lived a short life, but a life served in duty to his country and his community. Born and raised in Norwood, Ohio, he joined the Navy after his high school graduation, and he graduated from the 35th Academy class in May of 1952.

Just one year later, Earl and his wife Carol became the proud parents of Lynne Casterline Harris. Sadly, Lynne did not have the chance to get to know her father, when he passed away in the line of duty when she was only 2 months old.

Earl was chasing a fleeing car on Kemper Road in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati when he crossed a railroad track which at the time was unmarked and obscured by trees and shrubs. Patrolman Casterline lost his life as a crossing train collided with his car just before his 26th birthday.

Thus, it is my honor to designate a portion of East Kemper Road in the northern suburbs of Hamilton County as the "Patrolman Earl W. Casterline Memorial Highway."

Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim – thank you for your time and I welcome any questions the committee may have.