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Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and fellow members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for your attention to honoring Morrow County Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer.

First, I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the family of Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer as supporters of H.B. 541, also known as the Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer Memorial Highway.

Deputy Sherrer was hired at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office on May 16, 2021. Upon being hired at the Sheriff's Office, Daniel, also known as "Weston," fit right in. Weston always had a smile on his face, was never in a bad mood, and never missed an opportunity to make people laugh.

At just six years old, Weston knew precisely what he wanted to do with his life. When his teacher gave him an assignment, Weston wrote this: "My big dream is to be a policeman. I want to catch the villains, and I'm willing to risk my life for the people in the United States." Weston Sherrer.

Tragically, on May 26, 2025, while investigating a domestic violence incident, Deputy Daniel Weston Sherrer, who was only 31 years old, was killed in the line of duty. Taken far too soon, Weston left a lasting impression at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and among the citizens of Morrow County that will be felt for years to come.

Deputy Sherrer embodied everything I look for in a recruit at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office: compassion, kindness, and a genuine love for the job are just a few of the qualities he possessed. These are qualities we will continue to strive for at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office for years to come.

Morrow County continues to feel and always will feel the loss of Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer. However, by honoring him with a memorial highway on U.S. Route 42 in front of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, we can ensure that he is forever remembered as a hero.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to speak. I would also like to thank Representative Riordan McClain for introducing H.B. 541.

Thank you,

Sheriff John L. Hinton