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Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and fellow members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony for H.B. 541.

This bill designates a portion of State Route 42 in Morrow County as the “Deputy Daniel “Weston” Sherrer Memorial Highway”.

On May 26, 2025, while many Ohioans were spending Memorial Day honoring our nation’s fallen heroes and enjoying time with family and friends, Morrow County Deputy Daniel “Weston” Sherrer and many others around our state put on their uniform and went to work to serve and protect our communities.

He responded to a domestic violence call in Marengo with reports of an armed suspect having already fired shots. Deputy Sherrer bravely rushed to the scene in an attempt to deescalate the situation and prevent further harm. Then the unthinkable evil happened, a shootout occurred and resulted in the tragic death of Deputy Sherrer.

Deputy Sherrer paid the ultimate sacrifice while protecting his community and we are forever indebted to his service. He served the department for 4 years since 2021. Morrow County is a very tight knit community, and this loss is truly felt by all. The outpouring of support from the community has been incredibly strong.

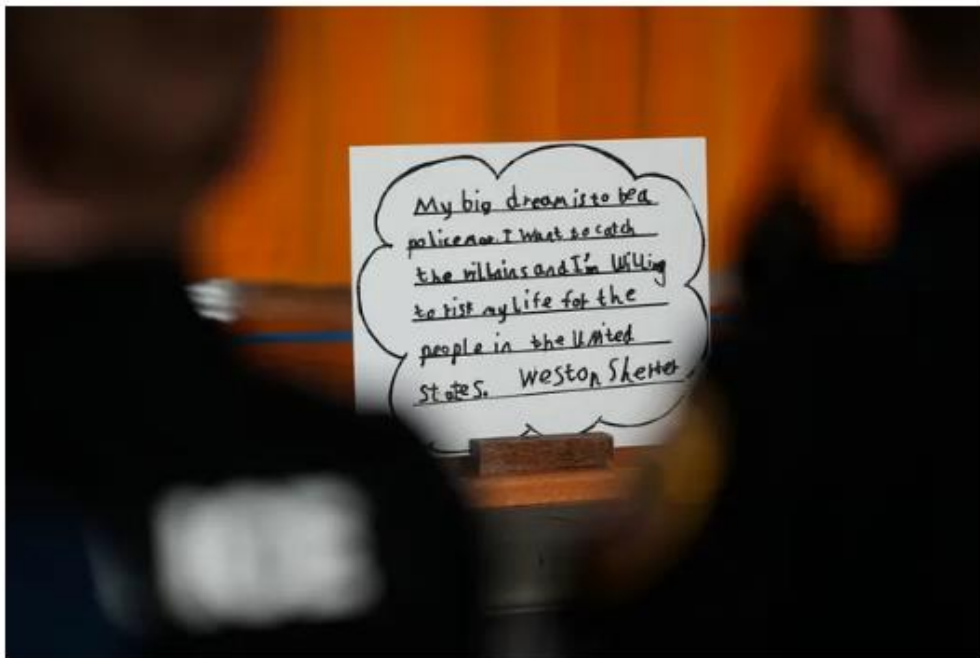
His parents say he’s always wanted to be in law enforcement, that it has been his dream job since even before kindergarten. Morrow County Sheriff John Hinton describes Deputy Sherrer as a “godsend” to the department that he was truly a great guy. Never was in a bad mood, always had a smile on his face and uplifted the entire force. At just 31 years old he’s been with the Morrow Sheriff’s office since 2021. There is no doubt that he is missed.

With that and on behalf of my district and our state, I would like to send my deepest sympathy to Deputy Sherrer’s parents Daniel and Julie Sherrer, his fiancé Alexandria Lyon, sister Selby, Alexandria’s parents Dan and Kerry Lyon, numerous loved ones and community members who are still hurting. There are no words that can replace what has been taken from us. But know that we are grateful that there are men and women among us like Daniel who choose to put on that uniform, understanding the personal risks, to keep us safe.

His sacrifice is worthy of honoring and remembering just the same as the others we take the time on Memorial Day to do so for. We get to live free because of the brave. Daniel “Weston” was also an organ donor, choosing to help others after his death.

Deputy Daniel Sherrer is a true hero worthy of our admiration and respect and will never be forgotten. This road named in his honor in front of the sheriff’s building will be a constant reminder to his courage and sacrifice.

I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, thank you.



A hand-written note from a young Daniel "Weston" Sherrer showing his lifelong desire to become a law enforcement officer sits on display during his visitation hours at Northmor High School in Galion, Ohio on June 3, 2025. The Morrow County deputy was killed while responding to a domestic violence dispute on May 26.

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<https://www.dispatch.com/picture-gallery/news/2025/06/03/mourners-law-enforcement-pay-respects-to-fallen-morrow-county-deputy/84014622007/>