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Subject: H.B. 334, Keith G. Earley Memorial Interchange

Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee: thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 334, which designates the interchange between I-475 and Dorr Street as the Keith G Earley Memorial Interchange.

I am Ruby Earley, wife of Keith Earley. We met when I was 18 and he was 21. We were married 52 years. We have 3 children Randy, Rebecca and Doug who is deceased. We have 4 grandkids and 3 great grandkids. Keith was a husband, father and great grandfather. Keith enjoyed spending time with our family. After retirement he loved spending time bring grandpa. He played sidewalk chalk and cars and even dolls. His favorite was eating ice cream with them.

He was a golfer and spending the day with friends on the golf course was his favorite hobby. He enjoyed being outside and loved the sun. His friends on the golf league really miss him.

Keith had a great sense of humor and loved telling jokes. He always had a great smile on his face. He was a kind hardworking person. He was a good family person and a good friend to many.

Safety was important to him. He wanted to make his roads safe for everyone to travel on. He thought roundabouts were safer than stop signs.

Keith was devoted to public service for 36 years. He was the Mercer County Engineer for 16 years and Lucas County Engineer for 20 years.

As the Lucas County Engineer, he had several major projects. His last project before retiring was the Dorr Street Interchange. Keith worked a few years longer to see this project through. It was a \$46.7 million dollar project. It received the top regional award for a medium project.

(projects costing between \$25 million and \$200 million) among over a dozen on the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials or MAASTO region.

Ranking member Grim informed me she brought House Bill 334 to name The Dorr Street Interchange, The Keith G Earley Memorial Interchange. If anybody deserves it, my husband Keith does.

Thank you for your time and your consideration for naming this project after my husband Keith.

Thank you Ranking member Grim for your effort to make this possible.

Sincerely

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