Thank you members of the OHR Veterans and Military Development Committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of H.B 204 to designate March 9th as "6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion Day". to honor the contributions and sacrifice of the women that served that unit.

I'm a Veteran and know first hand how important it is for morale to get mail from loved ones especially when deployed. Their hard work and dedication through many challenges they faced as part of this battalion is deserving of this recognition.

I live in Dayton and I'm especially proud of the strong connection to Dayton, Ohio where the unit's leader Charity Adams Earley was a resident. She has been recognized in Dayton a few ways including the Dayton VA renaming its Women's Clinic in her honor. So it's only fitting for the State of Ohio to recognize this outstanding unit and the women who served in it with the passing of H.B. 204.

I appreciate your consideration in the passing of this legislation.

Thank you,

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