

Chair Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 148.

My Name is Denny Sellers. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding my father, Lloyd Andrew Sellers III, and Senate Bill 148, which seeks to designate the Specialist Lloyd Andrew Sellers Memorial Highway. I have had the privilege of collaborating with Senator Cirino's team for approximately two years to bring this initiative to completion. Their unwavering support and dedication throughout this process have been invaluable, and I am profoundly grateful for their assistance in making this a reality.

My father was born on August 28, 1945, and graduated from Euclid High School. He worked at White Motors in Cleveland, Ohio. Although I never had the chance to meet my father due to his untimely passing at a young age, my mother, who is present today, has shared with me the essence of the remarkable man he was. My parents were married on November 21, 1964. At the age of 21, my father made the courageous decision to enlist in the Army, despite not being required to do so at the time, knowing that he would eventually be drafted. He entered the Army in May of 1966, and I was born shortly thereafter on February 9, 1967.

Throughout his service, my father sent numerous letters and magnetic voice recordings to my mother on a weekly basis. These communications revealed his kind and loving nature, as he often expressed his excitement and eagerness to return home to see me. He enjoyed boating and motorcycles.

My father held the rank of Specialist Four and was attached to the 9th Infantry Division, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, A Company. His specialty was Light Weapon Infantry.

His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., where he is honored alongside his fallen brothers and sisters for all to see. Additionally, his name is memorialized on a monument at the Mentor Cemetery in Mentor, Ohio. Tragically, he lost his life on June 19, 1967, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

The establishment of this memorial sign on State Route 2 in Lake County as the Specialist Lloyd Andrew Sellers Memorial Highway would serve to honor his legacy, allowing millions of passersby to acknowledge the sacrifice he made and the recognition he so rightfully deserves.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to testify. I urge you to support Senate Bill 148. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.