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**House Bill 56 Sponsor Testimony**

Chairman Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 56.

This legislation will honor Corporal David James Amheiser by designating a portion of State Route 421 that runs adjacent to the Amheiser family farm as the Corporal David James Amheiser Memorial Highway.

Corporal Amheiser tragically lost his life at the age of 19 on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1970, while serving his second tour in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star for Valor, Combat Infantryman's Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

I hope this memorial highway will keep Corporal Amheiser's legacy alive within our community, bring comfort to his family, and honor the sacrifice he made.

I'd like to thank Corporal Amheiser's nephew, Greg Channel, for reaching out to my office and sharing the Corporal's story with me.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 56. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.