

Good Morning Chairman Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. Corporal David James Amheiser of the United States Army paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom on Saturday, August 29, 1970, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. Corporal Amheiser attended Cloverleaf High School and lived in Harrisville Township prior to entering the service on June 29, 1969. He served with the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, and 1st Air Cavalry Division. CPL Amheiser was a Pathfinder on patrol with the 1st Cavalry when he encountered a hostile enemy force and was killed as a result of a hostile small arms fire in Phuoc Long Province, Vietnam. David was only 19 years old at the time he was killed. He was awarded The Purple Heart, Two Bronze Stars for Valor, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

The importance of remembering those that sacrificed it all, so that we today can live free of tyranny, is one of the most important things we can do to honor their sacrifice. A nation that forgets the sacrifices made will one day not have the benefits those sacrifices made possible. As fellow citizens drive the segment of State Route 421 in Medina County they will forever remember and honor his sacrifice once renamed as the “CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway.”