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Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Antonio and members of Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony for you today as a proponent and sponsor of House Bill 266.

This legislation will name a portion of US Route 23 in Ross County to “SGT Michael Keith Hamner Memorial Highway.”

Sergeant Michael Keith Hamner was born in Ross County on November 3, 1948. SGT Hamner was a member of the 101st Airborne Division, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry, C Company of the United States Army.

On December 3, 1967, SGT Hamner began his tour in the Vietnam War. SGT Hamner’s occupation or specialty was Light Weapons Infantry. SGT Hamner was awarded the following medals: Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; the following badges: Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge; and the following unit citation: Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

On September 19, 1968, SGT Hamner experienced a traumatic event which resulted in the loss of his life. Records indicated that he: "Died through hostile action, small arms fire" in South Vietnam, Hua Nghia Province. SGT Hamner is honored on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. His name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 43w, Line 36.

Once again, Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Antonio and members of Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer written sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 266.