

Ohio House Committee on State and Local Government
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Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide sponsor testimony in support of House Bill 24 and recognize another great chapter in Ohio's aerospace history.

The abundance of American heroes grown right here in Ohio is no secret to any member of this committee, and Ohioans' contributions to the nation's aerospace efforts cannot be understated. Alongside figures like the Wright brothers, Neil Armstrong, and John Glenn, Eugene Kranz served his country with a unique talent, and determination.

His work on the Apollo and Gemini missions brought hope and inspiration to a generation of young American scientists, and helped carry the nation into the 21st century. Gene Kranz's connection to Toledo and Northwest Ohio is factual and personal. Eugene Kranz attended and graduated from Central Catholic High School around the same time as my sister, Ann Sheehy Plummer. I ask the support of each member of the committee to memorialize this brilliant Ohioan by designating August 17th as "Eugene F. Kranz Day." Thank you for your consideration.