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February 26, 2021

To the Honorable Members of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio:

Thank you for your consideration of naming a portion of SR 158 in honor of Sgt. Joseph (Joey) P. Collette. We in Fairfield County appreciate your deliberations and encourage you to approve naming a memorial highway in honor of Sgt. Collette, son of our employee, Ms. Teri Mecionis.

Sgt. Collette lived in Lancaster, Ohio, and he was so loved by his family, friends, and community. He encouraged others to make a difference and live life to its fullest. He was a great source of joy for his extended family. His mother often spoke of her pride for his military service and for the incredible young man he had become.

He was 29, when, on March 21, 2019, he died of wounds sustained in combat operations in Kunduz province, Afghanistan. He was a long way from his home and family. But now, if you approve this memorial, his family, friends, and community will see his name and think of him as they travel on SR 158.

As we envision a sign in Sgt. Collette's honor, we embrace this opportunity for how such a memorial could inspire *countless* silent words of thanks. We need more gratitude in our world, especially gratitude for our patriots and our sons and daughters who have fallen. We cannot show our gratitude in enough ways.

Thank you for allowing us in Fairfield County to express our support for your approval in naming a portion of SR 158 in honor of Sgt. Joseph (Joey) P. Collette. Thank you for providing an opportunity for us to show gratitude together, as a community and a state.

Kindest regards,

Dr. Carri Brown
County Administrator

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WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: February 28, 2021

Name: Dr. Carri Brown

Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Fairfield County Commission

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 36

Specific Issue: Approving the Naming of the Sgt. Joseph Collette Memorial Highway

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? We will provide a letter.

Please provide a brief statement on your position: We support the naming of the Sgt. Joseph Collette Memorial Highway. Sgt. Collette lived in Lancaster, Ohio, and he was so loved by his family, friends, and community. He was 29, when, on March 21, 2019, he died of wounds sustained in combat operations in Kunduz province, Afghanistan. He was a long way from his home and family. But now, if you approve this memorial, his family, friends, and community will see his name and think of him as they travel on SR 158.

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