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Chairwoman Kunze, Vice-Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 26.

This legislation would designate a portion of State Route 93, in Perry County, as the "Crooksville Firefighters David Theisen and Stephen Carletti Memorial Highway."

On February 5, 1998 Crooksville and Roseville Fire was dispatched to a house fire. Firefighters Theisen and Carletti entered the residence and proceeded into the basement to search for the fire. While proceeding to the basement, their hose line was snagged by a folding chair and the water supply was cut off. After locating the fire, the firefighters realized the line had no water. As this happened the ceiling collapsed on top of the firefighters; they radioed for help but the fire had vented into the stairway and burned through all hose lines. Due to the intense heat and fire, rescue attempts failed and as a result, David and Stephen lost their lives.

David and Stephen paid the ultimate sacrifice that morning. Both men were role models in the community and this memorial highway would ensure that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Thank you again for allowing me to give sponsor testimony on SB 26. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.