



State Senator Mark Romanchuk
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Good Afternoon Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 163, which designates a portion State Route 13 the “PFC Steven D. Smith Memorial Highway.”

Steven Smith was born on September 22, 1947, in Bellville. In 1967 at the age of 19, he enlisted into the Army and was deployed to Vietnam. Mr. Smith served with the 4th Infantry Regiment. On April 15, 1968, in the Kon Tum province, his company encountered enemy soldiers, and a small arms fight broke out. Mr. Smith and three other soldiers volunteered to hold fire while their company got out. PFC Steven D. Smith was killed in action while serving with valor. For his efforts, he was awarded a bronze star medal with valor.

Steven Smith was killed at only 20 years old, sacrificing himself to ensure the safety of his comrades. Mr. Smith is a hero and deserves to be remembered as such. It is my hope that this Memorial Highway will make sure that Steven Smith is remembered for years to come.

Thank you for your attention today and for your support of this legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.