**Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 192**

**House Transportation and Public Safety Committee**

**April 30, 2019**

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing my colleague, Rep. Wilkin, and myself to come before you today and present sponsor testimony on House Bill 192.

This legislation will name a portion of US Highway 62 in Fayette County to the “PFC William Boggs, CPL Sam Boggs, and SGT Robert Boggs Memorial Highway”.

Private First Class William Boggs was born in Fayette County on June 27, 1932. PFC Boggs was a member of Company K, 32nd Infantry of the United States Army. On September 26th, 1950, William was acting as a BAR man while his platoon was engaged in clearing enemy elements from the Seiryor Sector of Seoul. Heavy rifle and machine gun fire forced withdrawal of the platoon, leaving several wounded men exposed advance positions. Realizing the situation PRC Boggs, with utter disregard for his own safety, voluntarily went forward with members of another squad in an effort to rescue their wounded comrades. During this action, he was hit by enemy machine gun fire, but courageously continued to assist in efforts to rescue the wounded men until he was mortally wounded. PFC Boggs was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart (posthumously) for his heroic actions.

Corporal Sam Boggs, Jr. was born in Fayette County on May 16th, 1929. CPL Boggs was a member of Armor, Heavy Tank Company, 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division of the United States Army. On 29 June 1951 in the vicinity of Segok, Korea, the Second Platoon was supporting an infantry unit on an infantry-tank patrol in quest of knowledge on disposition and strength of enemy positions. Word was received that vital information concerning hostile installations on Hill 717 was in the possession of a wounded Republic of Korea soldier in the village. CPL Boggs, volunteering to locate the soldier, left the cover of his tank and moved forward to the village under a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. After a prolonged search among the ruins, he finally found the soldier and, placing the wounded man on his shoulder, carried him over open terrain amid the continued lethal enemy fire to the safety of his tank. This dauntless action resulted in the acquisition of valuable information in addition to saving the life of the wounded soldier. CPL Boggs' striking gallantry and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. CPL Boggs was awarded numerous citations including the Silver Star. CPL Boggs died in February of 2003 and is survived by his wife, Doris Boggs of Hillsboro. Additionally, he was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for the Class of 2013.

Sergeant Robert C. Boggs was born in Fayette County on May 5th, 1924. SGT Boggs served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1964 where he participated in the Battle of Normandy and the Korean War where he was awarded 4 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, and an Army Good Conduct Medal. After his service in the Army, SGT Boggs worked in an Army Hospital in New Jersey and later died in December of 1975.

Once again, Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 192. We would be happy to answer any questions.