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**State Representative Adam C. Miller**

**Representative Adam Miller’s Sponsor Testimony on behalf of HB 262, Folds of Honor License Plate (As Prepared)**

Thank you members of the committee, Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, and Ranking Member Sheehy. I also want to thank the Joint Sponsor Representative Richardson - who is at West Point today, serving our country as an Army Reservist and could not attend - for her dedication and leadership on this issue.

You each have Rep. Richardson’s submitted testimony and I know we have a long hearing today, so I will be brief.

HB 262, like most license plate legislation would provide alternative revenue for important causes in our state. In this case, HB 262 would provide monetary support for Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization focused on education that provides additional support to spouses and children of America’s fallen and disabled service members.

The innovation that makes this unique is that Folds of Honor provides education support from age 5. A holistic approach to the needs of children of fallen and disabled service members. It does not wait until high school or college. The support starts at a young age, throughout a child’s education and into adulthood. In addition, the support is nimble and reflects the diversity of needs faced by these children.

License plate bills also help to raise awareness for important causes and organizations like Folds of Honor. This awareness is hard to measure in revenue but incredibly important to nearly every non-profit organization.

We do a tremendous amount for our service members and their families, from the federal government and the VA to the Ohio House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee on which I serve, but there are important gaps that remain and Folds of Honor is attempting to fill one of those gaps by helping children of service members.

I thank the committee for your time and attention to this important issues and I would be happy to answer any questions.