



Representative Jena Powell

Ohio's 80th House District

Good morning Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation & Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on HB 395. This bill passed this committee unanimously in the last General Assembly as HB 677.

HB 395 will commemorate Kimra Skelton by naming a section of I-75 in Troy as the MCEI Kimra Skelton Memorial Highway.

In 2019, on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Kimra was on duty working on I-75 in Troy. At 6:45am, her vehicle was struck and she was killed.

Kimra was a 49 year old mother of two, and, like me, a resident of Arcanum, Ohio. She had been a member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol since October 2005. Kimra was a Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector with the Patrol.

As Kimra's obituary states, "She was an avid softball fan and a 1988 graduate of Arcanum High School and the MCJVS. She has been employed by OSHP since 2005.

Kimra is survived by her husband of 26 years, Brian; son, Cole; daughter, Macy; parents, Gerald and Phyllis Miller; maternal grandmother, Martha Brumbaugh-Baker; in laws, George and Barb Skelton; sister, Melinda (Joe) Martino, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends."

Thank you, and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.