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HB 302 Sponsor Testimony

Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Homeland Security Committee, good morning and thank you for allowing us to present sponsor testimony on House Bill 302 which would create a Jesup W. Scott High School license plate. House Bill 302 would also require a \$10 contribution in addition to the \$10 administrative BMV fee. This \$10 contribution will be paid to the Jesup W. Scott High School Principal's Activities Fund and used to enhance the learning opportunities of Scott High School students as directed by the principal.

Many of you may already know that I am a graduate of Jesup W. Scott High School. I hold a tremendous amount of pride for my school and community. While I am a graduate, this legislation was spurred by requests from several community members who approached me to advocate for a way to support Jesup W. Scott High School.

Scott High School students, alumni, and faculty makeup a passionate community which continues to have a global impact on governments, businesses, sports, and agribusinesses. Scott has produced a myriad of professionals in business, sports (NBA, NFL), and government. Former Ohio State Representative and Scott High School alumni Casey Jones dedicated his life to public service, serving 26 years in the Ohio House of Representatives. This legislation will pay homage to the Scott community members and the faculty that have helped positively shape the lives of many students. These individuals include: Avie Dixon, Dr. Francis Collins, Linda Clark, Stephanie Vias, Eddie Woods, Johnny Hutton, Johnny Van Buren Warnsley, and many more. Mrs. Johnny Van Buren Warnsley, a graduate of Jackson State University, was a teacher, mentor, and second mother to me. She served Scott for over 30 years and was a passionate advocate for getting resources to her students, this legislation is an opportunity for us to further assist in getting resources directly

to Scott students.

The creation of a Jesup W. Scott High School license plate will allow members of this community to proudly offer their support to a community that longs to enrich the lives of its students. This legislation assists the people and spirit of Northwest Ohio and serves as a demonstration for what members of our respective districts and community as a whole can accomplish.

Chair Ghanbari, Vice-Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and Members of the House Homeland Security Committee: thank you for the opportunity to address you today. We would be happy to take any questions you may have.