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Thank you Chair McClain, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on behalf of House Bill 75. As explained in the title, this bill would designate a portion of State Route 72 in Greene County as the Caitlin Renee Preston Memorial Highway.

In May of 2019, Caitlin died at the age of 18 when an 18 wheeler drifted off of the road. In the attempt to steer back onto the road, the driver over-corrected causing it to overturn and hit Caitlin's Honda Civic. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

As parents, we could never explain the pain that comes from the thought of losing our child. In our hearts, we know it's not supposed to be them who passes first. On behalf of my co-sponsor and myself, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Preston family for the unimaginable pain that you have had to live with. I hope that this brings you some comfort knowing that she will never be forgotten.

Chairman, thank you again for the opportunity to be here today. With that, I'd like to turn it over to my co-sponsor.