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Good afternoon Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Ferguson, and Ranking Member Grim. Thank you for allowing me to be here today to provide testimony in support of HB 128, designating a portion of highway in Canfield, OH as the Officer TJ D’Apolito Memorial Highway.

Officer D’Apolito passed away from a heart attack in the line of duty on March 17th, 2021. TJ was a beloved member of the Canfield community. He was a 1992 graduate of South Range High School and later graduated from Hiram College in 1996. TJ served as a dispatcher for the Ohio State Highway Patrol for 13 years before his passing. He was active in the Canfield Cardinals Booster club and could be seen at all of his children’s athletic events and activities.

It is important not only for the city of Canfield and Mahoning County to designate a portion of State Route 46 as the “Officer TJ D’Apolito Memorial Highway”, but also for the state of Ohio. It shows that we are committed to honoring and remembering those who put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of other Ohioans and the American people.

The proposal to name a highway after TJ will help to unite the Canfield community in the wake of such a devastating loss. This highway will serve as a symbol of solidarity, recognizing this officer’s role in maintaining law and order and will foster a sense of community pride.

Naming this highway will raise public awareness about the dangers and stresses that law enforcement officers encounter on a daily basis. Renaming this highway will be a permanent tribute to Officer D’Apolito. It acknowledges a loss for his family, friends, and community and offers solace by demonstrating that his life will never be forgotten. I thank you for your time and will now answer any questions.

Best Regards,

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