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Re: HB 165, Representative Kris Jordan Memorial Highway

Chair McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim,

Thank you for the opportunity to ask for your support for House Bill 165, legislation that will name the portion of State Route 36 that runs in front of the Jordan homesite as the Representative Kris Jordan Memorial Highway.

My friend and colleague Kris Jordan was like a little brother to me and a conservative fighter to his constituents. A native of Delaware County, Kris was involved in politics at a very young age, starting the teenage Republican Club at his school. He was chosen for Buckeye Boys State and Delaware County Junior Fair Board.

I believe Kris was the youngest County Commissioner in Delaware County history. He served 6 years then ran for State Representative where he became known as a champion for conservative values. Everyone knew Kris for his commitment to knocking more doors than anyone else, fighting excessive government and taxation, and he was rewarded for his strong positions by being elected Assistant Minority Whip as a Freshmen, earning the Watchdog of the Treasury and the Ohio Christian Alliance's Local Elected Official of the Year.

I met Kris in 2009 when he was serving his first term in the Ohio House. We became close friends and worked together on county central committee as well as on legislative policy during his 2 terms in the Senate..

Kris was like a little brother to me. He is gone much too soon. Senator Andrew Brenner, another lifelong Delaware County resident, and I reached out to Kris' family to ask about this bill. They are all supportive, and it is my hope you will be as well.

We have a few other special guests to share their thoughts with you, but first, I'd like to pass the mic to my joint sponsor and Kris' dear friend, Ron Ferguson. And thank you all for your consideration.