

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos and Ranking Member Grim:

It is with great honor and pride that I am able to present legislation to designate the Interstate 71 corridor through Delaware County as the "Delaware County Veterans Highway". Delaware County has a rich history in not only defending our nation but also Ohio. We have so many to thank for our freedoms and security. Hero's from the Revolutionary war to the war on terror have served and resided in our county. Names such as Isaac Bobbie to Ralph Galati to Nathan Carpenter, our first resident of Delaware County, deserve our thanks and gratitude. With so many travelers through the heart of Ohio, this designation will resonate with those as they pass through Delaware County. I am especially honored to introduce this legislation with my co-sponsor, Representative Beth Lear, who is an Air Force veteran herself and who gives selflessly to support our veterans. I thank you for your time and attention to this important bill.