



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security)

Reps. Combs, O'Brien, Boose, Blessing, Maag, Bubp, Grossman, Carey, Derickson, Pillich, Dovilla, Beck, Fende, Yuko, Coley, Ruhl

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates 13 memorial highways.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 4, running in a northerly and southerly direction within the municipal corporation of Fairfield only, commencing at its intersection with South Gilmore Road in the south and proceeding in a northerly direction to its intersection with Symmes Road in the north, as the "Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹

Marine Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski died in Iraq on May 9, 2005, from wounds received from an explosion during combat operations.

The portion of State Route 4 that is the subject of this portion of the bill currently carries the designation "Wright Brothers Memorial Highway."²

"Pfc. Zachary Gullett Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 50, commencing at mile marker 12 and proceeding in an easterly direction to mile marker 24 within Highland

¹ R.C. 5533.791.

² R.C. 5533.14, not in the bill.

County only, as the "Pfc. Zachary Gullett Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.³

Pfc. Zachary Gullett died in Iraq on May 1, 2007, after collapsing during calisthenics.

The portion of United States Route 50 that is the subject of this portion of the bill currently carries the designation "George Washington Highway."⁴

"Ryan Seitz Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 50 in Vinton County as the "Ryan Seitz Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.⁵

Ryan Seitz, a volunteer firefighter with the McArthur Fire Department in Vinton County, was killed on September 24, 2010, at a wildfire near Chillicothe when a pressurized water tank exploded.

The portion of United States Route 50 that is the subject of this portion of the bill currently carries the designation "George Washington Highway."⁶

"Sgt. Steven Conover – Veterans Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 73, within Clinton County only, as the "Sgt. Steven Conover - Veterans Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.⁷

Sgt. Steven Conover died in Iraq when the helicopter he was riding in was shot down on November 2, 2003.

³ R.C. 5533.102.

⁴ R.C. 5533.10, not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 5533.103.

⁶ R.C. 5533.10, not in the bill.

⁷ R.C. 5533.252.

"Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman – Veterans Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 729, within Clinton County only, as the "Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman - Veterans Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.⁸

Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman died from injuries received in Iraq during combat operations when a roadside bomb exploded on August 3, 2005.

"First Lt. Christopher Rutherford Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 7, commencing at mile marker 31 in Washington County and proceeding in a northeasterly direction to the boundary of Washington and Monroe counties, as the "First Lt. Christopher Rutherford Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.⁹

Army First Lt. Christopher Rutherford died from injuries received in Iraq during combat operations when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle on July 2, 2007.

"Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree Memorial Road"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 619, located within the municipal corporation of Hartville in Stark County only, as the "Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree Memorial Road" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the road indicating its name.¹⁰

Army Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree died in Iraq on June 8, 2006, of injuries sustained during combat operations.

"Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of State Route 103, commencing at the intersection of that state route and State Route 15 and extending in a westerly direction to the intersection of State Route 103 and Township Road 95 in Wyandot County, the "Trooper

⁸ R.C. 5533.253.

⁹ R.C. 5533.541.

¹⁰ R.C. 5533.636.

Andrew C. Baldrige Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹¹

Trooper Andrew Baldrige was killed February 4, 2010, in an automobile accident while responding to back up a deputy from the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office.

"Army Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 62, commencing in the village of Millwood in Knox County and extending in a northeasterly direction to the boundary of Knox and Holmes counties, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹²

Army Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005, while conducting combat operations.

"Army Private Jason L. Sparks Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 20, commencing at the boundary of Lyme and Ridgefield townships in Huron County and extending in an easterly direction through the village of Monroeville to the municipal corporation of Norwalk, as the "Army Private Jason L. Sparks Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹³

Army Private Jason L. Sparks died in Iraq on September 8, 2004, as the result of direct enemy fire.

"Army Sgt. Keith Kline Memorial Highway"

The bill designates those portions of the roads known as State Routes 105 and 163 within the municipal corporation of Oak Harbor in Ottawa County only, commencing at Union Cemetery on West State Route 105 and proceeding in an easterly direction past the point where that state route ceases and joins State Route 163 and ending at the address 8444 West State Route 163 as the "Army Sgt. Keith Kline

¹¹ R.C. 5533.686.

¹² R.C. 5533.763.

¹³ R.C. 5533.764.

Memorial Highway," and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹⁴

Army Sgt. Keith Kline died in Iraq on July 5, 2007, of injuries sustained when the vehicle in which he was riding struck an improvised explosive device.

"Army Sgt. Jon Martin Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 20, commencing at the intersection of that road and County Road 302 in Sandusky County and proceeding in an easterly direction through the municipal corporation of Bellevue to the intersection of that United States route and Prairie Road, as the "Army Sgt. Jon Martin Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name.¹⁵

The portion of United States Route 20 that is the subject of this portion of the bill currently carries the designation "General McPherson Highway."¹⁶

"Corporal Brad Anthony Davis Memorial Highway"

The bill designates the portion of Interstate Route 480, located within the municipal corporation of Garfield Heights in Cuyahoga County only, as the "Corporal Brad Anthony Davis Memorial Highway" and authorizes the Director to erect suitable markers along the road indicating its name.¹⁷

Army Corporal Brad Anthony Davis died in Iraq on April 22, 2009, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-01-11
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¹⁴ R.C. 5533.765.

¹⁵ R.C. 5533.766.

¹⁶ R.C. 5533.04, not in the bill.

¹⁷ R.C. 5533.932.