



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **Sub. H.B. 65\***

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Highways and Transportation)

**Reps.** Combs, O'Brien, Boose, Blessing, Maag, Bubp, Grossman, Carey, Derickson, Pillich, Dovilla, Beck, Fende, Yuko, Coley, Ruhl, J. Adams, R. Adams, Amstutz, Anielski, Antonio, Ashford, Baker, Balderson, Barnes, Blair, Brenner, Buchy, Budish, Butler, Carney, Celeste, DeGeeter, Driehaus, Fedor, Foley, Gardner, Garland, Gerberry, Gonzales, Goodwin, Goyal, Hackett, C. Hagan, R. Hagan, Hall, Hayes, Heard, Henne, Hottinger, Huffman, Johnson, Landis, Letson, Luckie, Lundy, Mallory, Martin, McClain, McGregor, McKenney, Milkovich, Newbold, Okey, Patmon, Peterson, Phillips, Reece, Roegner, Rosenberger, Sears, Slaby, Slesnick, Stautberg, Stinziano, Sykes, Szollosi, Thompson, Uecker, Wachtmann, Weddington, Winburn, Young, Batchelder

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates 24 memorial highways and 6 memorial bridges.
- Creates "Honor Our Fallen" license plates, with a \$15 contribution to be paid to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Memorial highways and bridges**

The bill designates 24 memorial highways and 6 memorial bridges. In all cases, the Director of Transportation is authorized to erect suitable markers along the highway or the approaches to the bridge, indicating the respective names.

#### **"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

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

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."<sup>1</sup> Marine Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski died in Iraq on May 9, 2005, from wounds received from an explosion during combat operations.

### **"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 County only, as the "Pfc. Zachary Gullett Memorial Highway."<sup>2</sup> Pfc. Zachary Gullett died in Iraq on May 1, 2007, after collapsing during calisthenics.

### **"Ryan Seitz Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates the portion of United States Route 50 in Vinton County as the "Ryan Seitz Memorial Highway."<sup>3</sup> 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.

### **"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."<sup>4</sup> Sgt. Steven Conover died in Iraq when the helicopter he was riding in was shot down on November 2, 2003.

### **"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."<sup>5</sup> Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman died from injuries received in Iraq during combat operations when a roadside bomb exploded on August 3, 2005.

### **"Coxswain Robert B. Wood Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates the portion of State Route number 9, extending in a northerly direction from the municipal corporation of Hanoverton to the municipal corporation of

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5533.791.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5533.102.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5533.103.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5533.252.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5533.253.

New Garden in Columbiana County, as the "Coxswain Robert B. Wood Memorial Highway."<sup>6</sup> Coxswain Robert B. Wood was the recipient of a Civil War Medal of Honor; he died on July 1, 1878.

### **"Lance Corporal David Mendez Ruiz Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates part of Pearl Road, which carries the designations of United States Route 42 and State Route 3, commencing at the intersection of that road with Denison Avenue within Cuyahoga County and extending in a southerly direction to the intersection of that road with Memphis Avenue, as the "Lance Corporal David Mendez Ruiz Memorial Highway."<sup>7</sup> Lance Corporal David Mendez Ruiz was killed in Iraq on November 12, 2005.

### **"U.S. Marine Lance Corporal David R. Hall Highway"**

The bill designates part of State Route 2, running in an easterly and westerly direction in Lorain County only, as the "U.S. Marine Lance Corporal David R. Hall Highway."<sup>8</sup> Lance Corporal David R. Hall was killed on August 31, 2009 while serving in Afghanistan.

### **"Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Kuglics Memorial Highway"**

The bill changes the location of the portion of Interstate Route 77 that is designated in honor of Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Kuglics so that it commences at mile marker 113.5 and ends at mile marker 118.5, rather than commencing at mile marker 116 and ending at mile marker 118 as in existing law.<sup>9</sup>

### **"Senior Airman Alecia Good Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates the portion of Interstate Route 77, running in a northerly and southerly direction within the municipal corporation of Broadview Heights only, as the "Senior Airman Alecia Good Memorial Highway."<sup>10</sup> Senior Airman Alecia Good was killed on a training mission in the Gulf of Aden on February 17, 2006.

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<sup>6</sup> R.C. 5533.341.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 5533.353.

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 5533.355.

<sup>9</sup> R.C. 5533.372.

<sup>10</sup> R.C. 5533.373.

### **"Heath Warner Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates the portion of Interstate Route number 77, commencing at the intersection of that route with State Route 800 and proceeding in a northerly direction to the intersection of Interstate Route 77 with Dressler Road within Stark County only, as the "Heath Warner Memorial Highway."<sup>11</sup> Private Heath Warner was killed in Iraq on November 22, 2006.

### **"Army Specialist Four Robert J. Urbassik Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates part of Interstate number 480, located between exits twelve and thirteen, as the "Army Specialist Four Robert J. Urbassik Memorial Highway."<sup>12</sup> Army Specialist Four Robert J. Urbassik died during the Vietnam conflict, on May 19, 1970.

### **"Army Private First Class Keith Nepsa Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates part of Interstate Route 77, commencing in Tuscarawas County at mile marker number 79 and proceeding in a northerly direction to mile marker number 81, as the "Army Private First Class Keith Nepsa Memorial Highway."<sup>13</sup> Army Private First Class Keith Nepsa died in Iraq on June 2, 2007.

### **"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."<sup>14</sup> 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.

### **"Captain Nick Hauck Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates part of State Route 7, located within the municipal corporation of Mingo Junction in Jefferson County only, as the "Captain Nick Hauck

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<sup>11</sup> R.C. 5533.374.

<sup>12</sup> R.C. 5533.375.

<sup>13</sup> R.C. 5533.376.

<sup>14</sup> R.C. 5533.541.

Memorial Highway."<sup>15</sup> A member of the Air Force Thunderbirds, Captain Hauck died on May 9, 1981.

### **"Sampson Harris Memorial Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge that is part of State Route 821, between mile marker number nine and mile marker number ten (at mile 9.14), near the village of Caldwell in Noble County, as the "Sampson Harris Memorial Bridge."<sup>16</sup> Sampson Harris was the recipient of a Civil War Medal of Honor; he died October 29, 1905.

### **"Freeman C. Thompson Memorial Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge that is part of State Route 821, between mile marker number eight and mile marker number nine (at mile 8.04), near the village of Caldwell in Noble County, as the "Freeman C. Thompson Memorial Bridge."<sup>17</sup> Freeman C. Thompson was the recipient of a Civil War Medal of Honor; he died August 10, 1887.

### **"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."<sup>18</sup> Army Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree died in Iraq on June 8, 2006, of injuries sustained during combat operations.

### **"Captain Robert C. Hess Jr. – Veterans Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge that is part of United States Route 33 and that spans the Hocking River at the eastern edge of the municipal corporation of Athens in Athens County as the "Captain Robert C. Hess Jr. – Veterans Bridge."<sup>19</sup> Captain Robert C. Hess Jr. was killed in Germany on April 19, 1945.

### **"Staff Sergeant Jimmy G. Stewart – Veterans Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge at the intersection of United States Route 33 and State Route 7 in Meigs County as the "Staff Sergeant Jimmy G. Stewart – Veterans

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<sup>15</sup> R.C. 5533.591.

<sup>16</sup> R.C. 5533.602.

<sup>17</sup> R.C. 5533.603.

<sup>18</sup> R.C. 5533.636.

<sup>19</sup> R.C. 5533.637.

Bridge."<sup>20</sup> Staff Sergeant Jimmy G. Stewart received the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam conflict; he died on May 18, 1966.

### **"Lt. Lloyd Thomas Memorial Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge that is part of United States Route 33 and that spans the Hocking River near the community of The Plains in Athens County as the "Lt. Lloyd Thomas Memorial Bridge."<sup>21</sup> Lt. Lloyd Thomas was killed in 1942 during the Battle of Midway; he was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross.

### **"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, as the "Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige Memorial Highway."<sup>22</sup> 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.

### **"Dominic 'Dee Dee' Modarelli Memorial Bridge"**

The bill designates the bridge spanning State Route number 711 in the municipal corporation of Youngstown, which is part of Burlington Street, as the "Dominic 'Dee Dee' Modarelli Memorial Bridge."<sup>23</sup> Dee Dee Modarelli died on January 1, 2009.

### **"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."<sup>24</sup> 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

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<sup>20</sup> R.C. 5533.638.

<sup>21</sup> R.C. 5533.639.

<sup>22</sup> R.C. 5533.686.

<sup>23</sup> R.C. 5533.732.

<sup>24</sup> R.C. 5533.763.

easterly direction through the village of Monroeville to the municipal corporation of Norwalk, as the "Army Private Jason L. Sparks Memorial Highway."<sup>25</sup> 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 Memorial Highway."<sup>26</sup> 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."<sup>27</sup>

### **"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."<sup>28</sup> Army Corporal Brad Anthony Davis died in Iraq on April 22, 2009, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

### **"Cpl. Kenneth Tyler Butler Memorial Highway"**

The bill designates part of State Route 170, from the municipal corporation of Calcutta in Columbiana County and extending in a northeasterly direction to the intersection of State Route 170 and the road known as Duke Vodrey Road, as the "Cpl.

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<sup>25</sup> R.C. 5533.764.

<sup>26</sup> R.C. 5533.765.

<sup>27</sup> R.C. 5533.766.

<sup>28</sup> R.C. 5533.932.

Kenneth Tyler Butler Memorial Highway."<sup>29</sup> Cpl. Kenneth Butler died in Iraq on February 1, 2007.

### **"Sgt. Kurt D. Schamberg, Orwell Veterans Highway"**

The bill designates part of United States Route number 322, located within the municipal corporation of Orwell in Ashtabula County only, as the "Sgt. Kurt D. Schamberg, Orwell Veterans Highway."<sup>30</sup> Sgt. Kurt D. Schamberg was killed in Iraq on May 20, 2005.

### **"Honor Our Fallen" license plates**

The bill creates the "Honor Our Fallen" license plates, which (1) are available to the general public, (2) are inscribed with the words "Honor Our Fallen" and a design selected by the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, and (3) in addition to applicable license taxes and fees, require a \$15 contribution and the standard \$10 fee to compensate the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for added services required in issuing license plates.<sup>31</sup> The \$15 contribution is to be paid to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, which must use those contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and support its charitable purposes.<sup>32</sup>

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	02-01-11
Reported, H. Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security	03-10-11
Passed House (97-0)	04-05-11
Reported, S. Highways & Transportation	---

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<sup>29</sup> R.C. 5533.941.

<sup>30</sup> R.C. 5533.97.

<sup>31</sup> R.C. 4503.713.

<sup>32</sup> R.C. 4501.21.

