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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Ghanbari

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### SUMMARY

- Designates 21 highways and bridges.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill designates the following highways and bridges. It authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highways and bridges.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
"Patrolman Mathew Mazany Memorial Highway" <sup>1</sup>	The eastbound and westbound lanes of State Route (SR) 2, between the intersection of SR 306 and the intersection of SR 615, in Lake County.	Patrolman Mathew Mazany of the Mentor Police Department was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver while assisting another officer during a traffic stop on State Route 2 in June 2018. He had served the Mentor Police Department for 14 years.
"PFC William Boggs, CPL Sam Boggs, and SGT Robert Boggs Memorial Highway" <sup>2</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of U.S. Route (USR) 62, between Staunton-Sugar Grove Road and Greenfield Sabina Road, in Fayette County.	PFC William Boggs was killed in action on September 26, 1950 during the Korean War while trying to rescue fellow wounded soldiers. CPL Sam Boggs served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War and was inducted into

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5534.407.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5534.60.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
		the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in 2013. SGT Robert Boggs served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War. All three men received numerous medals and honors for their service.
"RDML Alene Duerk Memorial Highway" <sup>3</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 108, through all of Henry County.	RDML Alene Duerk was the first woman to attain the rank of rear admiral in the Navy. She enlisted in the Navy Nurse Corps in 1945, in the midst of WWII, and rose the ranks until her promotion to rear admiral in 1972. She retired from the Navy in 1975, and passed away at home on July 21, 2018.
"SFC Charles Gregory Huston Memorial Highway" <sup>4</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 66, between Houston Road and Roeth Road, in Shelby County.	SFC Charles Gregory "Greg" Huston served in the U.S. Army Special Forces as part of a special task force engaged in highly classified operations during the Vietnam War. On March 28, 1968, SFC Huston's group came under heavy enemy fire that prevented SFC Huston and two other American soldiers from boarding an evacuation helicopter. On April 1, a search and rescue team was not able to locate any of the three Americans. SFC Huston was declared missing in action until January 26, 1977, when he was officially declared to be dead. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant while listed as MIA and has a memorial cemetery marker at Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial.
"Damascus Bridge" <sup>5</sup>	The bridge spanning the Maumee River on SR 109, in Henry County.	

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5534.601.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5534.602.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5534.752.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
"SGT Alex Drabik Memorial Highway" <sup>6</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-475, between Hill Avenue and SR 2, in Lucas County.	In 1945, SGT Alex Drabik was the first Allied soldier to cross the Rhine River during World War II. He led the charge across the Remagen Bridge under heavy fire from German forces and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery.
"Col. Donald Blakeslee Memorial Bridge" <sup>7</sup>	The bridge spanning Grand River that is part of Fairport Road and a primary entrance and exit to Fairport Harbor, in Lake County.	Col. Donald Blakeslee flew fighter aircraft during World War II, and fought in the Korean War. He was honored with the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal.
"PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway" <sup>8</sup>	The portion of SR 152, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between County Road (CR) 56 and Township Road (TR) 249, in Jefferson County.	PFC George Dennis McClelland served with the U.S. Marines Corps during the Vietnam War and was killed in action on June 23, 1969.
"Veterans Suicide Memorial Mile" <sup>9</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-71, between mile marker 22 and mile marker 23, in Warren County.	
"PFC M. Preston Wheeler Memorial Highway" <sup>10</sup>	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 125, between mile marker 4 and mile marker 5, in Brown County.	PFC M. Preston Wheeler served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was killed in action on August 12, 1969.

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<sup>6</sup> R.C. 5534.812.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 5534.814.

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 5534.818.

<sup>9</sup> R.C. 5534.822.

<sup>10</sup> R.C. 5534.823.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
"Master Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Edward C. Byers, Jr. Medal of Honor Recipient Highway" <sup>11</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 65, between the intersection of SR 64 and the intersection of the western border of Wood County, in Wood County.	Master Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Edward C. Byers, Jr. received the Medal of Honor on February 29, 2016, for his part in rescuing Dr. Dilip Joseph, an American citizen, in Afghanistan in December of 2012, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.
"SGT Arthur A. Mora, Jr. Memorial Highway" <sup>12</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 25, between the intersection of USR 20 and the intersection of USR 23, in Wood County.	SGT Arthur A. Mora, Jr. was killed in action on October 19, 2005, when his vehicle was struck by enemy indirect fire during patrol operations, while serving in the U.S. Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"Charles C. Nichols Memorial Highway" <sup>13</sup>	The eastbound and westbound lanes of USR 36 between the intersection of that route and the western border of Coshocton county and the intersection of that route and SR 79, in Coshocton County.	Post 394 for the Grand Army of the Republic, located in Coshocton, Ohio, is named for Charles C. Nichols. The Grand Army of the Republic was a national association of Union Civil War veterans that was founded in 1866.
"Lance Corporal James Sprowl Memorial Highway" <sup>14</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 99, between the intersection of CR 64 and the intersection of CR 119, in Huron County.	Lance Corporal James Sprowl served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was killed in action on March 18, 1968.
"SGT Michael Keith Hamner Memorial Highway" <sup>15</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of USR 23, between mile marker 6 and mile marker 8, in Ross County.	SGT Michael Keith Hamner served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was killed in action on September 19, 1968.

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<sup>11</sup> R.C. 5534.824.

<sup>12</sup> R.C. 5534.825.

<sup>13</sup> R.C. 5534.826.

<sup>14</sup> R.C. 5534.881.

<sup>15</sup> R.C. 5534.883.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
"LTC Kevin Sonnenberg Memorial Highway" <sup>16</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 65, between County Road H and SR 110, in Henry County.	LTC Kevin Sonnenberg died on June 14, 2007, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom, when his jet crashed five miles north of Balad Air Base, Iraq.
"Catawba Island Township Veterans Memorial Highway" <sup>17</sup>	The portion of the road known as SR 53, commencing at the intersection of that route and Water Street and proceeding in a southerly direction to the Catawba Island Township line, in Ottawa County.	Subject to approval by the Director in relation to the signage and placement, the bill authorizes the Catawba Island Township Board of Trustees to erect auxiliary markers displaying the following names (and any other name of a U.S. military veteran approved by the Board): Private First Class William E. Galloway, and SP4 James M. Davenport.
"Trucks Bridge" <sup>18</sup>	The bridge that is located in the Village of Plymouth and is part of SR 603, in Huron and Richland counties.	The bridge is being named for Abraham Trucks, the founder of the Village of Plymouth.
"SGT David S. Harris Memorial Highway" <sup>19</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 4, between the intersection of Owens Road West and the intersection of Somerlot Hoffman Road West, in Marion County.	SGT David S. Harris served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was killed in action on March 24, 1969.
"James H. Hough Memorial Highway" <sup>20</sup>	The southbound lane of I-71, commencing at mile marker 102 and continuing to mile marker 100, in Franklin County.	James H. Hough was an employee with the Ohio Department of Transportation who was struck and killed by a car on September 16, 1980, while he was working on the portion of highway where I-71 meets I-270.

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<sup>16</sup> R.C. 5534.884.

<sup>17</sup> R.C. 5534.89.

<sup>18</sup> R.C. 5534.896.

<sup>19</sup> R.C. 5534.898.

<sup>20</sup> R.C. 5534.91.

Designated Name	Highway/Bridge	Biographical Information
"Ronald H. Barron Memorial Highway" <sup>21</sup>	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-271, between S. Woodland Road and Harvard Road, in Cuyahoga County.	Ronald H. Barron was a pharmacist, Orange Village council member, business owner, and helped form the Pinecrest Shopping Mall in Orange Village.

## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-05-19
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<sup>21</sup> R.C. 5534.913.