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SUMMARY

- Creates the "Dolly Parton Imagination Library" license plate.
- Designates multiple highways, interchanges, and an overpass.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

License Plate	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by the representatives of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. ¹
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution; Additional BMV Fee; Use of Contribution	\$25 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee. Contributions must be paid to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. The Library must use the money for operational costs, including the distribution of books. ²

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Transportation Committee appeared in House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 4503.541.

² R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.541.

Requirements for Issuance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission of an application; 2. Payment of the regular license tax, any local tax, contribution, administrative fee, any special reserved license plate fee if necessary; and 3. Compliance with all other relevant laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Special provisions	<p>These specialty license plates are exempt from the following standard procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The requirement that the Registrar receive written statements from at least 150 people that they intend to apply for and obtain the license plates before the Registrar provides for the issuance of those license plates; and 2. The requirement that the license plates display county identification stickers that use a number or name to indicate the county of registration.³

Highway and bridge designations

The bill designates the following highways, interchanges, and one overpass. It authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highways, interchanges, and the overpass indicating their names.

Designated Name	Location	Biographical Information
"PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway" ⁴	State Route (S.R.) 47 between McGreevey Road and Long Road, in Darke County	PFC John Wayne Richard served in the United States Army in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was killed while fighting communist forces on May 21, 1969.
"CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway" ⁵	S.R. 421 between United States Route (U.S.R.) 42 and Lodi Road, in Medina County	CPL David James Amheiser served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was killed in action by communist forces on August 29, 1970.

³ R.C. 4503.541(D); R.C. 4503.19 and 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 5533.106.

⁵ R.C. 5534.013.

Designated Name	Location	Biographical Information
"Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway" ⁶	S.R. 53 between Township Road 11 to County Road 5, in Wyandot County	During his career in law enforcement, Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin served at the Carey Police Department, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, and the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office. While serving as a Deputy Sheriff in Wyandot County, Deputy Sherriff Kin's vehicle was struck by a pickup truck while he was transporting a prisoner. He died on December 15, 2022, from his injuries.
"Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb Memorial Highway" ⁷	S.R. 13 between S.R. 78 and S.R. 329, in Athens County	Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb was a U.S. Army and Ohio National Guard veteran. He served with the Trimble Village Police Department and had previously served with the Nelsonville Police Department. He died on October 27, 1976, when he was struck by an intoxicated driver fleeing arrest.
"Chief Ronald A. Brown Memorial Highway" ⁸	S.R. 16 between West Carlisle Road and Old Riley Road, in Muskingum County	Chief Ronald A. Brown had over 40 years of law enforcement experience with different agencies before retiring from the Clinton Township Police Department. He died on March 6, 2021, after battling cancer.

⁶ R.C. 5534.427.

⁷ R.C. 5534.429.

⁸ R.C. 5534.443.

Designated Name	Location	Biographical Information
"Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway" ⁹	S.R. 2 between mile marker 117 and mile marker 122, in Ottawa County	Cpl Robert Dockstader passed away on January 27, 2023. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and completed two separate tours of duty, including a tour in Iraq in 2005 during the Iraq War.
"Marigene Valiquette Memorial Highway" ¹⁰	I-75 between U.S.R. 24 at mile marker 203 and U.S.R. 24 at mile marker 206, in Lucas County	Marigene Valiquette was a member of the General Assembly for 24 consecutive years. She first served in the House of Representatives, beginning in 1963. She then served in the Senate from 1969 until 1986. She is the longest serving woman in Ohio General Assembly history. She died on August 6, 2024, only 16 days before her 100 th birthday.
"SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway" ¹¹	I-280 between Navarre Avenue and Front Street, in Lucas County	SSG Jack W. Coy served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was killed in action on February 24, 1944, when his plane was shot down over Germany.
"CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway" ¹²	S.R. 28 between Castleberry Court and the Happy Hallow Road Overpass, in Clermont County	CPT Speidel served in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot. On April 23, 1971, his helicopter was shot down by communist forces during a mission in South Vietnam where he sustained serious injuries. Captain

⁹ R.C. 5534.482.

¹⁰ R.C. 5534.505.

¹¹ R.C. 5534.617.

¹² R.C. 5534.673.

Designated Name	Location	Biographical Information
		Speidel died on June 25, 1971.
“Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway” ¹³	The eastbound and westbound lanes of S.R. 129 between Chapel Road and the border of Indiana, in Butler County	Army Sgt. Vinnedge served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. On July 5, 2007, he died in Iraq from injuries related to a noncombat incident.
“John Gallagher Way” ¹⁴	S.R. 10 between W. 47 th St. and W. 50 th St. in Cleveland	The Gallagher Family has been a leader in Cleveland by providing funds to various local charities and schools. The Family owns Arrow International, a multi-national manufacturer of charitable and social gaming products.
“Louis P. Schuster Memorial Interchange” ¹⁵	Interchange of I-480 and W. 150 th St. in Cleveland	Louis P. Shuster was an engineer on a Norfolk Southern train engine when he was killed after a collision with a dump truck on March 6, 2023.

HISTORY

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¹³ R.C. 5534.8710.

¹⁴ R.C. 5534.926.

¹⁵ R.C. 5534.966.