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DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill designates the following highways and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highways indicating their names:

Designated Name	"Army Corporal Charles E. Hiltibran Memorial Highway" ¹
Highway	The northbound and southbound lanes of U.S. Route 68, between Dallas Road and Hickory Grove Road, in Champaign County
Other Information	Army Corporal Charles E. Hiltibran served in the Korean War and was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his unit was attacked near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered, but were finally returned to the U.S. on August 1, 2018. DNA and anthropological analysis along with circumstantial evidence allowed the Army to consider Corporal Hiltibran accounted for as of April 20, 2020, and to send his remains to Urbana for burial.

Designated Name	"Army PFC Herbert S. Bechtel Memorial Highway" ²
Highway	The northbound and southbound lanes of U.S. Route 68, between Township Road (TR) 219 East and County Road 37, in Logan County
Other Information	Army PFC Herbert S. Bechtel served in the Vietnam War and was killed in action on August 25, 1966. On the day of his death, he served as a machine gunner for his platoon. Despite receiving multiple serious injuries, he was able

¹ R.C. 5534.659.

² R.C. 5534.667.

	to both retrieve additional ammunition for other gunners and manage multiple machine guns himself in order to cover the extraction of other casualties from the battlefield. His bravery and sacrifice posthumously earned him the Distinguished Service Cross (the U.S. Army's second highest award for valor).
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Designated Name	"Patrolman Frank J. Hossler Memorial Highway" ³
Highway	The northbound and southbound lanes of State Route (SR) 235, between TR 43 and SR 47, in Logan County
Other Information	Patrolman Frank J. Hossler was killed in an automobile crash while on patrol on September 22, 1956. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for ten months prior to his death.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	12-19-23
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³ R.C. 5534.669.