



**State Representative  
Jack Cera**

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**Cera's bill honoring Vietnam veterans passes House committee**  
*Legislation will rename highway after Ohio Valley veterans*

COLUMBUS— State Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) yesterday gave sponsor testimony for House Bill (HB) 308, legislation to rename a portion of State Route 7 to “Ohio Valley Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway” in honor of local Vietnam veterans.

“Being from East Ohio, I know firsthand the commitment and contribution many selfless individuals from our communities have made to our nation’s military,” said Cera. “In commemoration of their service, this legislation will honor upper Ohio Valley Vietnam veterans who fought and sacrificed greatly to ensure our safety and protect our freedom.”

During his testimony, Cera cited memories of young men from the area being deployed during the Vietnam War. He reflected on family members and friends anxiously awaiting letters from young men who served in Vietnam, and remembered stories of military families praying for their loved one’s safety.

Joining Cera during testimony was Terry Wildman, a Vietnam Veteran from Martins Ferry, who spoke in support of the legislation. Wildman, a combat Vietnam veteran who served in the Marines, said that he thinks naming the busy corridor of State Route 7 in honor of Vietnam veterans will be a special way of paying tribute to them.

The bill passed the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee with unanimous support and will next move to the House floor for further consideration.