



**State Representative
Jack Cera**

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Rep. Cera Joins Local Fallen Hero's Friends, Family in Memorial Highway Dedication

*Portion of State Route 7 named "U.S.M.C. Sgt. Nathaniel Shae Rock Memorial
Highway"*

COLUMBUS— State Rep. Jack Cera gathered on the south side of Route 7 outside Toronto, Ohio today with family and friends of Sgt. Nathaniel Shae Rock, a young marine killed in Iraq in 2005, to dedicate a portion of Route 7 in his memory.

Rep. Cera introduced legislation to name the stretch of highway between mile marker 22 and mile marker 24 along Route 7 in memory of Sgt. Rock last year after receiving a request from Sgt. Rock's uncle, Ron Rock. The bill was signed into law this spring, permitting ODOT to make and erect the signs that will designate this portion of road as the "U.S.M.C. Sgt. Nathaniel Shae Rock Memorial Highway."

Nathaniel is the oldest son of Tim and Adriana Rock of Toronto. He is a 1997 graduate of Toronto High School.

Nathaniel first joined the Marine Corps after graduation and was honorably discharged in 2003. He became a police officer with the Martins Ferry Police Department in 2004. That same year, he re-enlisted as a Scout Sniper with a Marine Reserve unit based in Brook Park, Ohio. That unit was deployed to Iraq in 2005. On August 1, 2005, Nathaniel, and five other Scout Snipers, were ambushed near Haditha Iraq. Sadly, they were all killed.

"Today, Route 7 between mile markers 22 and 24 will be known as 'U.S.M.C. Sgt. Nathaniel Shae Rock Memorial Highway.' A young man dedicated his life to his community and to his country. When this community drives this stretch of road, residents will be reminded that one of their own gave his life for his country. As strangers travel this roadway, they will see that Toronto, Ohio was the home of a war hero," said Rep. Cera during the dedication.