

On behalf of the Sisson family, we are honored to provide written testimony to support a portion of US 69 Highway to be named in memorial to Justin.

We first met Justin during his senior year of high school, through our daughter's friendship with him. We were impressed with his self confidence and the way in which he carried himself. As we got to know Justin, we came to know his wonderful sense of humor, kindness, integrity and incredible passion for a future life in the military. It's unusual in a high school senior, to see such drive and sense of purpose that he displayed. We sensed that he would stop at nothing to achieve his military goals, as well as the personal goals he set for himself. His respect for others, his willingness to avail himself to anyone in need, and the steady presence he possessed were markings of a strong, confident leader.

Over time, we learned of his impressive military achievements/honors during his college ROTC training, and beyond. We knew that Justin was fulfilling his goals, far exceeding expectations set for him and living a life of sacrifice for others. The Army had the "best of the best" in him, and everyone who was fortunate to know him was aware of this. While his accomplishments were more than distinguished, we came to know Justin's true legacy through his passing. The staggering number of people whose lives he touched came clearly into focus, and was most humbling. It was truly proof of a life well-lived that Justin, by the young age of 23, had served others not only through his military sacrifice, but also through the gift of himself to everyone who knew him.

It is most appropriate that we honor Justin Sisson with a stretch of highway named in memorial to him. As members of the community in which he grew up, it's important we always remember Justin's ultimate sacrifice, as well as that of his family, as we continue to enjoy our rich gift of freedom. We ask that you join us in this quest, by assisting in the passage of Bill SB5, to memorialize the life of a most deserving and selfless young hero, Justin Lee Sisson.

Respectfully,
Nick and Susan DeGennaro