

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee,
Thank you for the allowing me a few minutes to address the committee this morning.

Each year as a board of education member, I shake the hands of nearly 1600 graduates and hand them their diplomas. Less than 20 of these graduates are recognized by their peers for choosing to enter the military to defend the freedoms of our country.

Making this commitment takes a special person. As a former teacher for the Department of Defense and also as the wife of military officer, my path has crossed many who are serving or have served in our military. I am continually reminded of their dedication to "duty, honor, country" while knowing this dedication could cost them the ultimate sacrifice.

2nd Lt Justin Sisson was one of these young people. Justin Sisson was a Patriot who knew the sacrifice he was making to preserve our liberties. In a Facebook post on Memorial Day shortly before he was killed, Justin posted a Charles Dickens quote, "I see the lives for which I lay down my life -- peaceful, useful, prosperous and happy. I see that I hold a sanctuary in their hearts."

Today we ask you to name this section of Highway 69 after Justin so that his commitment, courage and sacrifice in defending our country are not forgotten. This is a small way to honor him and ensure his legacy lives on for future generations.

Thank you.
Pam Robinson