

TO: House Transportation Committee
FROM: Janet and Harold Austin, Jr.
DATE: January 19, 2022
RE: Support of HB 2458

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support and appreciation for your consideration in honoring Private First Class Shane Austin by naming a portion of U.S. Highway 56 after him. Shane was an enthusiastic and devoted young man who felt strongly the need to serve his country and gave the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed in action on Oct. 8, 2006 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

Throughout his youth, Shane was introduced to the honor of serving our country through military service. Shane had several family members, including uncles and grandparents, which served in the U.S. military. Shane entered the U.S. Army on January 19, 2006 as part of Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

While recognizing Shane would be greatly appreciated by our family, we believe this would serve as a recognition to all of those individuals serving in our military and have lost loved ones. Thank you for your consideration.