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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Callender and Troy

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SUMMARY

- Designates a bridge in Lake County as the “Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge”
- Updates the name and sponsoring organization of the “Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation” license plate to the “Breakthrough T1D” license plate to reflect the organization’s name change.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Memorial bridge

The bill designates the following bridge and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers on the bridge or its approaches indicating its name:

Designated Name	“Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge” ¹
Highway	The bridge spanning the Grand River, located in Lake County, and being a part of I-90
Other Information	Specialist Ashton served in the U.S. Army from 2021 until the time of his death on August 5, 2024. Specialist Ashton served in Iraq in 2023. He was murdered by his roommate at Fort Drum, New York.

Specialty license plate change

The bill updates the name and sponsoring organization of the “Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation” license plate to the “Breakthrough T1D” license plate. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation changed their name to Breakthrough T1D in the spring of 2024 and filed an

¹ R.C. 5534.90.

amendment with that name change with the Ohio Secretary of State effective July 5, 2024. The bill modifies the name of the license plate and its sponsoring organization so that the correct sponsor may continue to receive the contributions collected for the specialty license plate and to reflect the new name. Additionally, it authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to transfer any contributions it has previously received for the license plate, and not been able to distribute, to the organization Breakthrough T1D. Finally, it specifies that the contributions must be used to further the organization's mission of "accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat Type 1 Diabetes and its complications," rather than divided amongst the chapters of the old organization based on the location of the motor vehicle registration.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	01-28-25
Reported, H. Transportation	03-12-25
Passed House (95-0)	03-26-25
Reported, S. Transportation	10-08-25

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² R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.733. See breakthrough1d.org for more information about the organization.