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## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Ginter

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### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill renames the following highway and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its new name:

<b>Designated Name</b>	Renames the "Melvin E. Newlin Memorial Highway" as the "PFC Melvin E. Newlin, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway" <sup>1</sup>
<b>Highway</b>	State Route 7 beginning at the border of Columbiana County and Jefferson County and extending northeast through Wellsville, Ohio to the western-most boundary of East Liverpool, Ohio.
<b>Other Information</b>	PFC Melvin E. Newlin was a machine gunner for the United States Marines Corp during the Vietnam War. On July 4, 1967, he repelled Viet Cong forces at an outpost in Nong Son, allowing time for his fellow Marines to organize and defeat a surprise enemy attack, which led to a Marine victory. PFC Newlin was mortally wounded during the assault and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his selfless courage and unwavering devotion to duty.

### HISTORY

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5533.34.