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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur about \$700 to \$800 in costs for producing and installing memorial signs for two new memorial designations in Defiance County. Additionally, the city of Defiance will incur minimal costs to install the signs within their jurisdiction. Specifically, the bill makes the following designations: (1) the portion of State Route 66 within the borders of Defiance County as the Purple Heart Trail of Defiance County, and (2) the bridge on State Route 66 spanning the Maumee River located in the city of Defiance as the Purple Heart Bridge.

If memorial markers are to be located on a road outside of municipal boundaries, ODOT produces and installs the signs. This is the case for the first designation above. For memorial markers to be placed inside of municipal boundaries, ODOT produces the signs but municipal workers typically install the signs. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.