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DATE: December 5, 2023
RE: Testimony on Senate Bill 399
TO: Members of the Committee on Transportation and Local Government
FROM: Senator Rob Stafsholt

Thank you Chairman Tomczyk and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government for hearing Senate Bill 399 relating to designating a bridge in Pierce County as the Eisenhower Bridge of Valor.

This is a very simple bill that renames a section of US 63 in Pierce County. This section of bridge is currently named the 'Eisenhower Memorial Bridge', and this legislation renames it to the 'Eisenhower Bridge of Valor,' to properly honor not only President Eisenhower, but also all of our heroes in the armed forces, law enforcement, and emergency services.

Minnesota made this same name change in 2019 to their portion of this bridge and this legislation will align Wisconsin with Minnesota.

Again, thank you for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 399. I would appreciate your support on this piece of legislation.



Warren Petryk

State Representative • 93rd Assembly District

TO: Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government
FROM: Representative Warren Petryk
DATE: December 5th, 2023
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 399 relating to: designating a bridge in Pierce County as the Eisenhower Bridge of Valor.

Thank you Chairman Tomczyk and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government for allowing me to submit testimony in favor of Senate Bill 399.

I introduced Senate Bill 399 along with Senator Stafsholt to memorialize those who've made the ultimate sacrifice to defend others. This bill is about renaming the section of US 63 in Pierce County, known to locals as the Red Wing Bridge which crosses the Mississippi River and connects to Hagar City, as the 'Eisenhower Bridge of Valor.' This change would bring Wisconsin in line with Minnesota, who made the same move in 2019.

The bridge was originally named the 'Eisenhower Memorial Bridge', in honor of President Eisenhower, who played a significant role in World War II. However, a community group from both Wisconsin and Minnesota got together and proposed a name change to simply 'Eisenhower Bridge of Valor', driven by unity and a deep appreciation for our heroes in the armed services, law enforcement, and emergency services.

Thank you again for your time and support of Senate Bill 399 and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.