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MADD CT supports and endorses SB No. 148 “An Act Concerning the Naming of roads, bridges and highways by the General Assembly In Memory or in Honor of persons or in Commemoration of Organizations.”

Thank you Co-Chairman Donald DeFronzo, Co-Chairman Antonio Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee for holding this important hearing and for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of SB No. 148. My name is Michelle Lettieri and I am Director of Victim Services for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

On October 20, 1993, Julia “Nana” Coppola, my mother, was killed by a 17-year-old drunk driver. It is with respect that I ask for Rte. 337, Townsend Ave., New Haven be named in memory of my mother. This area of the “seawall” was Julia’s favorite place to walk daily – and ironically this is where our vehicle was hit head-on and the location where Julia died instantly.

It would truly be a fitting place to remember my mother and to remind all drivers that drunk driving has serious and deadly consequences. Julia” Nana” Coppola would be remembered forever.

Thank you very much.