



State of Connecticut

SENATE

STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

SENATOR KEVIN D. WITKOS
EIGHTH DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
SUITE 3900
HARTFORD, CT 06106-1591

CAPITOL: (860) 240-8800
TOLL FREE: (800) 842-1421
FAX: (860) 240-8306
E-MAIL: Kevin.Witkos@cga.ct.gov

Public Hearing Testimony

February 18, 2011

Transportation Committee

Kevin Witkos, State Senator, 8th District
Tim Legeyt, State Representative, 17th District
Brian Becker, State Representative, 19th District

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 708-An Act Naming the Bridge on Route 44 Avon The Corporal Gildo T. Consolini Memorial Bridge.

The VFW Post 3272 of Avon was granted its charter in 1945. Since its foundation the Veterans of Post 3272 have been deeply involved in numerous community activities and projects across Farmington Valley. Their supplementary mission is dedicated to preserving the memory of their namesake, Corporal Consolini. Consolini served in the South Pacific for the United States armed forces during World War II and was the first soldier of Avon to be killed in action. The immense sacrifices Consolini made to preserve justice, freedom, and democracy during World War II merit enduring recognition. In addition to honoring Consolini's memory, renaming this Route 44 bridge would also show Connecticut's continuous devotion to current servicemen as well as our gratitude to the veterans of the VFW Post 3272 in Avon.

In closing, we would like to thank the co-chairs for their willingness to raise Senate Bill 708 this session. I hope that the committee looks favorable on this bill so that it can make its way through the legislative process. Thank you.

Senator Kevin Witkos

Representative Tim Legeyt

Representative Brian Becker