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HB 6365: An Act Naming a Bridge in Norwich after Benjamin DeMond

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Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, honorable members of the Transportation Committee – We appear before you today in strong support of HB 6365, An Act Naming a Bridge in Norwich after Benjamin DeMond.

Mr. DeMond is a fallen firefighter who tragically died in an off-duty car accident in 2012. Ben was a dedicated Norwich Firefighter, as well as a US Air Force Veteran and a licensed EMT. Our community still remains deeply saddened by his loss.

We'd like to introduce two other Norwich Firefighters: Scott Merchant and Mark Sicuso, who would like to say a few words about Ben.

Thank you for your time and consideration.