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Ohio House Passes Rep. Yuko Tribute to Union Workers

Bill Renames Area Span "Union Workers Memorial Bridge"

COLUMBUS – The Ohio House this afternoon unanimously (95-0) approved a bill (HB27) that includes a tribute to union workers sponsored by State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights). It designates the bridge that spans the Cuyahoga River and the Ohio Canal on Route 480 as the "Union Workers Memorial Bridge."

"Union leaders take on the responsibility of making sure that the workplace is safe and that their workers return home in one piece every day. Unfortunately, sometimes this is out of their control," said Rep Yuko. "This bridge will serve as an everlasting tribute to those who were injured or killed on the job before they were able to return home."

Rep. Yuko was moved to sponsor this legislation when he attended the wake for Debbie Kane. The single mother was killed in 2006 while on the job. She was a member of Laborers Local 860.

"The sobering truth is that Union workers go to work every day not knowing if that day will bring injury or death," said Rep Yuko. "It's an incredible sacrifice for them and the people who love and depend on them. This bill is a way for us to recognize those who have given so much for the development of this great State."

House Bill 27 now goes to the Ohio Senate for consideration.