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To enact section 5902.10 of the Revised Code to 1  
require the Department of Veterans Services to 2  
contact and assist Gold Star families in the 3  
process of having a highway or bridge named in 4  
honor of a family member who died while serving in 5  
the United States armed forces. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 5902.10 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 5902.10.** (A) "Gold star family" means a family to which 9  
both of the following apply: 10

(1) The family includes a member of the armed forces of the 11  
United States who died after the effective date of this section 12  
under any circumstances prescribed under 10 U.S.C. 1126; and 13

(2) The family includes a widow, parent, or next of kin of 14  
the person referred to in division (A)(1) of this section who is 15  
eligible for the receipt of a gold star lapel button under 10 16  
U.S.C. 1126. 17

(B) The department of veterans services shall develop and 18  
implement a program to assist each Ohio gold star family in the 19  
enactment of legislation designating any highway, portion of a 20

highway, or bridge that is part of the state highway system in 21  
honor of the member of the gold star family to which division 22  
(A)(1) of this section applies. 23

The program shall include an appropriately respectful means 24  
of contacting each such gold star family with information about 25  
memorial highway or bridge designations. The department shall 26  
assist an interested gold star family in the process of selecting 27  
a highway, portion of a highway, or bridge and, on behalf of the 28  
gold star family, shall contact the general assembly members 29  
representing the gold star family to facilitate the preparation of 30  
a bill to designate a highway, portion of a highway, or bridge in 31  
honor of the deceased family member who died while serving in the 32  
armed forces of the United States. 33