

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Kruse and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Good afternoon. I'm Eric Hlad, Enforcement Division Commander for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Thank you for taking the time to hear our request for a Law Enforcement Memorial on Highway 99E to be dedicated to Deputy Kelly Fredinburg who died in the line of duty on June 16, 2007.

Kelly was an outstanding member of our Sheriff's Office. He was career-minded, diligent in his work, and dedicated to making the citizens and visitors of Marion County feel safer about this community.

Kelly started his career in Law Enforcement with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in March of 1998. He was hired by our Office in July 2006 and quickly became known throughout our Office. Kelly had friends in each of the divisions, and it is often said that Kelly was a great teammate.

Kelly was also a dedicated family man and father. He touched so many lives before losing his doing what he felt was his calling and service. Kelly lost his life while responding to cover another officer who was being assaulted. He died being a hero even though he would have never claimed to be one.

Both the Marion County and Polk County Sheriff's Offices and Kelly's family would be honored to have part of Hwy 99E at mile post 36 dedicated to the memory and service of an outstanding and very much missed member of this profession.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Representative Andy Olson and his staff in helping to bring this request forward for your consideration.

Thank you.

MCSO Date of Hire: 07/31/2006 EOW: 06/16/2007
PCSO Date of Hire: 3/1998 Date of Separation: 07/2006
Total years in LE (including 5 months as corrections deputy): 9