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## THE BRAD SQUIRES PLAZA

### Honoring Cpl. Brad Squires An American Hero

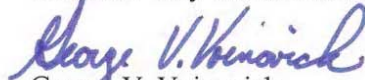
I am pleased to welcome those gathered here today as we honor a true American hero, Cpl. Brad Squires, United States Marine who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cpl. Squires joined the Marine Corps in 1999 and died on June 9, 2005, as a result of injuries he sustained in a combat explosion in Haqlaniyah, Iraq.

Through the generosity of many Americans who donated to the Cpl. Brand Squires Memorial Fun, the plaza on Old Oak Boulevard in Middleburg Heights will be dedicated today to this fallen son of Ohio, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedoms. Along with the memorial stone that bears his name, there are tablets displayed here inscribed with the names of additional Ohio heroes who nobly gave their lives in the name of liberty during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Thomas Jefferson said that the price of democracy is eternal vigilance. One way that our nation has manifested that vigilance is by fighting tyranny and oppression around the world. The service and sacrifice of those who do the fighting makes our nation-and the world-a safer, better place for our children and grandchildren to live.

This lovely plaza will stand as a legacy to Cpl. Brad Squires, and to all of those Ohioans who paid the ultimate price for their country while serving in Iraq. May each generation that passes this way forever remember the patriotism and valor of the great Americans we honor here today. May God Bless our Troops, and may God Bless America!

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2007:

  
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