Legislative Analysis



ARMY SPECIALIST DEANGELO SNOW MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

House Bill 5472 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Amos O'Neal Committee: Transportation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5472 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate highway I-75 in Saginaw County from the Bridgeport exit (144B) to the Buena Vista exit (149B) as the "Army Specialist Deangelo Snow Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.1105

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony and online sources, Deangelo Barnell Snow was born in Saginaw on August 30, 1988, to Deloris Snow and the late Barnell Amos. Deangelo was a 2008 graduate of Buena Vista High School and was known among friends and family as a talented artist. He used his skills to draw and airbrush likenesses that were used as long-lasting tattooed images. One year after his high school graduation, Deangelo enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

In June 2010, Army Specialist Snow was deployed to serve in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. On September 17, 2010, insurgents attacked his vehicle with a rocket-propelled grenade at FOB Wilson, Kandahar province. Army Specialist Deangelo B. Snow died of his injuries. He was 22 years old.

Dedicating a portion of highway I-75 in Saginaw County would be an appropriate way to recognize and honor his sacrifice and his commitment to our country and our state.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only "when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers." As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (2-15-22)

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