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House Bill 5267 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Ryan Berman
House Committee: Transportation
 Ways and Means
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway US-127 in Isabella County beginning at the exit to US-127 business route and extending north to the Pickard Road exit as the "Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.2050

BACKGROUND

Lance Corporal Justin Ellsworth graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 2003. He joined the United States Marine Corps before graduation and then enlisted afterward. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. He was trained in handling explosives and was assigned to a reconnaissance force to help evacuate civilians from Fallujah.

On November 13, 2004, Lance Corporal Ellsworth died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was 20 years old. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor and, in September 2005, residents of Mt. Pleasant built a monument in his honor.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The Act specifies that the Department of Transportation may provide for the erection and maintenance of markers designating the name of a highway only when sufficient private funds are available to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining those markers. As such, private funds would cover the cost of the renaming, and no State funds would be used.

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