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Senate Bill 169 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Kevin Daley
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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RATIONALE

A native of Bay City, Michigan, Sergeant 1st Class Michael A. Cathcart suffered fatal injuries during a dismounted combat operation in the Kunduz Province of Afghanistan on November 14, 2014. After graduating from Bay City Central High School in 2001, he enlisted in the Army as a Fire Support Specialist. He completed Army Basic Combat and Individual Training and reported to the 101st Airborne Division, where he served for five years. He then volunteered for Special Forces in 2007 and was assigned for two years to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, as senior engineer sergeant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. To honor his sacrifice and service, it has been suggested that a segment of Highway M-15 be named after Sergeant Cathcart.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-15 beginning at the intersection of M-15 and Cass Avenue Road in Portsmouth Charter Township and extending north to the intersection of M-15 and Ridge Road in Bay City as the "Michael Cathcart Memorial Highway".

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 250.1084

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

Sergeant Michael A. Cathcart exemplified bravery and heroism during his service, and was highly decorated. His decorations included three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart Medal, and four Army Commendation Medals. Aside from his decorations and service, he is remembered by family and friends as a kind, courageous, and diligent young man. Naming a portion of Highway M-15 near his hometown would be a fitting way to commemorate his legacy.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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