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Senate Bill 280 (as passed by the Senate)

Sponsor: Senator Jim Stamas

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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#### **RATIONALE**

A native of Midland, Michigan, Marine Lance Corporal Steven J. Szymanski passed away during a training exercise at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After graduating from Midland High School in 2008, Szymanski earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice before entering the United States Marine Corps in September 2013. He earned his promotion to lance corporal in June 2014, and then was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division. To honor his sacrifice and service, it has been suggested that a segment of highway near his hometown be named after Marine Lance Corporal Steven J. Szymanski.

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway US-10 beginning at the intersection with Jefferson Avenue and extending east to the intersection with Bay City Road as the "Marine Lance Corporal Steven J. Szymanski Memorial Highway".

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 250.1081

# **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**

In any branch of the military, there is an expectation for personnel to train as they would fight to make conditions as real as possible. This expectation carries with it an element of risk that all military personnel must assume. The bravery and risk assumed by Marine Lance Corporal Szymanski upon entering the U.S. Marine Corps and training under these realistic circumstances should be recognized. Naming a portion of Highway US-10 near Midland, 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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