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Senate Bill 585 (as introduced 10-15-19)
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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-31 in Oceana County beginning at the W. Shelby Road exit 144 and continuing north to the Hart Polk Road exit 149 as the "PFC Brett Witteveen Memorial Highway".

Currently, the portion of Highway US-31 between Michigan and Indiana in Berrien County and extending to the Straits of Mackinac at the county line of Emmet and Cheboygan Counties is known as the "Blue Star Memorial Highway". In addition, the part of Highway US-31 beginning at the county line of Muskegon and Oceana Counties and extending north to the county line of Mason and Manistee Counties is known as the "Pere Marquette Memorial Highway". The bill would exclude from these designations the portion of Highway US-31 in Oceana County beginning at the W. Shelby Road exit 144 and continuing north to the Hart Polk Road exit 149.

BACKGROUND

Marine Private First Class (PFC) Brett Witteveen was born on November 11, 1986, in Fremont, Michigan. He graduated from Hart High School in 2005. After graduation, PFC Witteveen enlisted with the Marines and was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was deployed to Iraq in October 2006 to serve as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On February 18, 2007, while on patrol in Fallujah, Anbar Province, Iraq, PFC Witteveen sustained injuries while conducting combat operations. He died from those injuries the following day. He was 20 years of age.

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Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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