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House Bill 4611 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Daire Rendon
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 highway interchange at Highway I-75 and Cook Road as the "PFC Kenneth Coates Memorial Interchange".

BACKGROUND

Private First Class Kenneth William Coates was born on December 4, 1947. He attended West Branch High School and graduated in 1967. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army as an infantryman with the 25th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, C Company. In January 1968, he was deployed to Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam.

On February 5, 1968, while serving on his tour of duty, PFC Kenneth W. Coates was killed in a ground skirmish. He was 20 years old at the time. For his service, PFC Coates was awarded numerous awards and recognitions, including the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Proposed MCL 250.2089

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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