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House Bill 4700 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Timothy Beson
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the bridge on M-13 over Cheboyganing Creek in Bay County as the "Sergeant Kristopher J. Gould Memorial Bridge".

Proposed MCL 250.1090

BACKGROUND

Sergeant Kristopher J. Gould was born on February 12, 1986, in Saginaw, Michigan. He attended Valley Lutheran High School and graduated in 2004. Before graduating, he joined the Army National Guard, and after graduation he joined the United States Army. Sergeant Gould served three deployments: from 2005 to 2006, he served with the 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry regiment in Iraq; from 2008 to 2009, he served with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division in Afghanistan; and in 2011, he served as an infantryman with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Task Force Duke.

On February 27, 2011, Sgt. Gould was wounded fatally when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. For his service, Sgt. Gould received many awards and decorations, including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal for Mobilization, the Army Service Ribbon, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

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 a result of these statutory restrictions on State or local spending for highway naming costs, the bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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