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House Bill 5462 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Gregory Markkanen

House Committee: Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure

Senate Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

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## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway M-26 in Adams Township beginning at Academy Street and continuing south to Hubbard Avenue as the "Private Wesley Vietti Karna Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1112

## **BACKGROUND**

Wesley Vietti Karna was born on August 24, 1922, in Adams Township, Michigan. In April 1944, Karna became a private in Company F, 362<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the 91<sup>st</sup> U.S. Infantry Division, and departed to fight in Europe in World War Two, eventually ending up in Italy as part of the Second Corps of the U.S. Fifth Army Corps in June 1944. On September 24, 1944, Private Karna was killed in action on the Gothic Line, in northern Tuscany, Italy, at the age of 22. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

Fiscal Analyst: Bobby Canell

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