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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4337 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Angela Witwer
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to rename the portion of highway currently designated as the "Ensign Francis Flaherty Memorial Highway" to the "Ensign Francis Flaherty Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway".

MCL 250.1103

BRIEF RATIONALE

Francis Charles Flaherty was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism aboard the sinking USS Oklahoma in the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. As the ship capsized, Ensign Flaherty remained in a gun turret holding a flashlight to help others in the turret see and escape. He did not escape the ship and passed away. For his Medal of Honor and service to his country, it has been recommended that the highway mentioned above be renamed to the "Ensign Francis Flaherty Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway".

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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