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House Bill 4189 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Jason Woolford
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Veterans and Emergency Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the bridge on South Grand Avenue over Highway I-96 in the Village of Fowlerville as the "LCpl Michael W. Hanks Memorial Bridge". A sign designating the location of the memorial bridge would have to be placed at the approach of the bridge on Highway I-96. The Department of Transportation would have to coordinate with the Livingston County Road Commission in placing an appropriate sign designating the location of the memorial bridge at each approach of the bridge on South Grand Avenue.

Proposed MCL 250.1051

BRIEF RATIONALE

Lance Corporal Michael W. Hanks was born in Howell, MI but in 2nd grade moved to Gregory, MI and attended Fowlerville Community Schools. He joined the Marine Corps on January 30, 2001. Lance Corporal Michael W. Hanks demonstrated bravery during Operation Iraqi Freedom II while serving as a Fire Team Leader. Among other feats of bravery in his service, during the Second Battle of Fallujah, Lance Corporal Hanks rescued and carried an injured Marine to safety, saving that Marine's life. On November 17, 2004, Lance Corporal Hanks charged into a heavily-fortified enemy position and was mortally wounded in the ensuing firefight. Lance Corporal Hanks was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, among other medals, to commemorate his bravery and sacrifice. For these feats of heroism, the bridge on South Grand Avenue over Highway I-96 in the Village of Fowlerville should be designated as the "LCpl Michael W. Hanks Memorial Bridge".

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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