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Schwarz Proposes Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument

May 17, 2002 – Legislation creating a Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument was recently introduced by Senator John J.H. Schwarz, M.D., R–Battle Creek.

"Law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty deserve to be recognized for their personal sacrifice," Schwarz said. "The steadfast dedication to protecting our families and communities should be recognized by the State of Michigan through the creation of a memorial monument."

Senate Bill 1348 will establish a fund to collect monies for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument. The legislation will also create a Commission to oversee the design and construction of the memorial monument. Survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty will play a key role on the Commission.

"The Michigan State Police Troopers Association appreciates the efforts of Senator Schwarz in his attempt to honor the fallen law enforcement officers of this great state," Matt Wesaw, Vice President, Michigan State Police Troopers Association said. "It will be with great pride that family and friends can read the names of their loved ones on this memorial monument, which is a small tribute for what they have done."

The legislation was introduced in collaboration with Peace Officers Memorial Day, which was celebrated on May 15. More than 21,000 police departments nationwide gathered to remember those individuals who gave up their life fighting to bring safety to their communities.

National Police Officers Week is also celebrated from May 12–18, recognizing the contributions police officers make in their daily lives.

Senate Bill 1348 awaits consideration in Senate Committee.

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