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ENROLLED BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NUMBER: HB 4562

TOPIC: Memorial Highway Naming

SPONSOR: Representative Bumstead

CO-SPONSORS: Representatives Inman, Franz, McBroom, Rendon, Johnson, Glenn, and Potvin

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS DONE BY: Troy Hagon

DATE OF COMPLETED ANALYSIS:

REVIEWED BY: DA ML

SHORT SUMMARY of the BILL

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to name the portion of highway M-37 in Newaygo County beginning at the southern city limit of White Cloud and continuing north to the intersection of highway M-37 and 3 Mile Road as the "Brian Derks Memorial Highway".

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

Neutral

PROBLEM/BACKGROUND

The Michigan Memorial Highway Act provides for the naming of highways in this State. Many of the highways have been named after police officers, soldiers, or noted community figures. Accordingly, it has been suggested that a portion of M-37, in Newaygo County, be named after Brian Derks, who was killed August 13, 2005 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist 4th Class Brian Keith Derks, age 21, passed away from injuries he received while serving his country in the United States Army stationed with the Fox Group Second Squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Iraq. Brian graduated from White Cloud High School in 2003 and was an active member of the Quiz Bowl team, football, and baseball teams. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. Brian was an active member of the White Cloud community where he was a lifelong member of the Christ Lutheran Church; an Eagle Scout and assistant Scout Master of Boy Scouts Troop #1137.

He is survived by his parents, Keith and Peggy Derks of White Cloud and his sister, Sally Derks of White Cloud.

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SUMMARY of ARGUMENTS

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The bill recognizes Specialist 4th Class Brian Derks for giving the ultimate sacrifice in honor of our country.

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Time associated with designing and placing the signs. Signs along roadways can impact safety.

FINAL VOTE

Senate: ROLL CALL # 486 YEAS 38 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING 0

House: Roll Call # 210 Yeas 108 Nays 0

FISCAL/ECONOMIC IMPACT

(a) Department

Budgetary:

Revenue:

Comments: The group requesting the memorial signing will be required to pay for the fabrication and all associated costs of installing signs. MDOT Regional staff will approve the size and design of all signs placed within the roadside.

(b) State

Budgetary:

Revenue:

Comments:

(c) Local Government

Budgetary:

Revenue:

Comments:

OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS
ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES IMPACT