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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4735 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Graham Filler
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of Highway US-127 in Clinton County beginning at the intersection of Highway US-127 and Wildcat Road and extending north to the intersection of Highway US-127 and Livingston Road as the "PFC Ronald James Fitch Memorial Highway".

Proposed MCL 250.1103

BACKGROUND

Private First Class (PFC) Ronald James Fitch was born on February 10, 1947, and raised in St. Johns, Michigan. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and soon after was deployed to Vietnam as part of the 3rd Motor Transport Battalion. On April 5, 1967, PFC Fitch was killed in an ambush during a resupply run in Thua Thien Province. Among other commendations, PFC Fitch received the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The Act specifies that the Department of Transportation may provide for the erection and maintenance of markers designating the name of a highway only when sufficient private funds are available to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining those markers. As such, private funds would cover the cost of the renaming, and no State funds would be used.

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