

Legislative Analysis



MARINE SERGEANT MICHAEL P. HODSHIRE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 4739 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Fink
Committee: Transportation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4739 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate highway M-49 between West Montgomery Road and Austin Road in Camden Township, Hillsdale County, as the "Marine Sergeant Michael P. Hodshire Memorial Highway."

MCL 250.1101

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to committee testimony and the Honor the Fallen website, Marine Sergeant Michael P. Hodshire was born on September 15, 1980, to Edwin and Tarry Hodshire in Montpelier, Ohio. He attended school in Montpelier, and his family later moved to North Adams Township in Hillsdale County, where he attended North Adams-Jerome High School. Hodshire long dreamed of joining the Marine Corps, and he entered basic training four days after graduating from high school in 1999. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. His career in the Marine Corps included being recommended to serve on the Silent Drill Team and Color Guard in Washington, D.C. Sergeant Hodshire was first deployed to Iraq in March 2004, where he was 3rd platoon leader and infantryman, and served until October 2004. In July 2005, he was again deployed to Iraq, serving as second squad leader for the 3rd Platoon, Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. On October 30, 2005, Marine Sergeant Michael P. Hodshire died of wounds he sustained the previous day from an improvised explosive device during combat operations near Nasser Wa Salaam, Iraq. He was 25 years old.

Dedicating a portion of highway M-49 in Camden Township in Hillsdale County would be an appropriate way to recognize and honor his service, his commitment, and his sacrifice to our state and our country.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only "when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining the markers." As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (6-8-21)

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