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Michigan House of Representatives  
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Chair O'Malley and members of the committee,

Thank you for considering Senate Bill 585. Senate Bill 585 will rename a portion of US-31 in Oceana County between the City of Hart, and the Village of Shelby, as the PFC Brett Witteveen Memorial Highway.

Brett Witteveen was born in Shelby on November 11, 1986. Brett attended Hart High School, where he was a standout tight end on Hart's football team. During high school, Brett had a reputation as a people person and was always willing to go the extra mile to make people laugh.

After graduating from Hart High School in 2005, Brett made the decision to enlist in the Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq in 2006. On February 18, 2007, Brett Witteveen was killed while conducting combat operations in Iraq.

Brett made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country, but the memories of Brett still live on among his family and friends in Hart and Shelby. Renaming the portion of US-31 between Hart and Shelby will memorialize the impact Brett Witteveen had on both communities.

I'm proud to support this memorial highway renaming and I ask for your support of Senate Bill 585.

Sincerely,

Jon Bumstead  
State Senator  
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