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Senate Bill 527 (as introduced 9-12-19)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Victory
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to do the following:

- Exclude the portion of Highway US-31 beginning at the intersection with Robbins Road in the city of Grand Haven and continuing north to the Grand Haven Bascule Bridge from its current designation as a portion of the "Blue Star Memorial Highway".
- Designate the portion of highway US-31, also known as Beacon Boulevard, beginning at the intersection with Robbins Road in the city of Grand Haven and continuing north to the Grand Haven Bascule Bridge, as the "Officer Scott Flahive Memorial Highway".

Currently, the portion of Highway US-31 beginning at the border between Michigan and Indiana in Berrien County and extending to the Straits of Mackinac at the county line of Emmet and Cheboygan Counties is known as the "Blue Star Memorial Highway". The bill would exclude the portion of Highway US-31 beginning at the intersection with Robbins Road in the city of Grand Haven and continuing north to the Grand Haven Bascule Bridge from this designation.

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BACKGROUND

On December 13, 1994, Officer Scott Flahive was fatally shot on Beacon Boulevard while trying to apprehend an escaped inmate of the Ottawa County Jail. He was 28 years old and had served as a Grand Haven Public Safety Officer for four years prior to his death. In memory of Officer Scott Flahive, the community hosts the annual Scott Flahive Memorial Cruise, which raises money to support a scholarship fund for criminal justice students.

Legislative Analyst: Tyler VanHuyse

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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