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Senate Bill 1160 (as passed by the Senate)  
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus  
Committee: Transportation

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### **RATIONALE**

On October 9, 2003, Clare County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Sherwood was responding to a 9-1-1 call about a drunk driver traveling the wrong direction on US-127, when the driver hit his patrol car head-on, killing him. Deputy Sherwood was a nine-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and the first Clare County deputy to be killed in the line of duty. It has been suggested that a section of highway should be named for him to commemorate his service to the community.

whom he was the sole provider. Naming a portion of the highway after him would prompt people to remember Deputy Sherwood and the sacrifice he made, every time they traveled on it.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

Fiscal Analyst: Craig Thiel

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway US-127 in Clare County as the "Kevin Sherwood Memorial Highway".

MCL 250.1082

### **ARGUMENTS**

*(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)*

#### **Supporting Argument**

Deputy Kevin Sherwood lost his life doing what he loved: protecting the safety of others in his community. One former colleague wrote of him, "Everything about him shined of professionalism, enthusiasm and a sincere passion for law enforcement. He was always there when any of his fellow officers needed backup, and he was the first one to lend a helping hand—truly a quality officer, but even more so, a quality human being and friend." Another wrote, "...Kevin is a hero but not for the actions of that night. Kevin was a hero for the way he lived every day of his life and his desire to help others and improve his community." He left behind a wife and three daughters, for

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