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Senate Bill 527 (Substitute S-1 as passed by the Senate)  
Sponsor: Senator Roger Victory  
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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### **RATIONALE**

Officer Scott Flahive served as a Grand Haven Public Safety Officer from 1990 to 1994. On December 13, 1994, at the age of 28, Officer Scott Flahive was fatally shot on Beacon Boulevard while trying to apprehend an escaped inmate of the Ottawa County Jail. To honor his sacrifice and service, it has been suggested that a portion of a highway in Grand Haven be named after Officer Scott Flahive.

### **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 intersection with Jackson Street 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 intersection with Jackson Street, 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 intersection with Jackson Street from this designation.

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### **ARGUMENTS**

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#### **Supporting Argument**

Officer Scott Flahive exemplified bravery and heroism during his public service. The Grand Haven community continues to honor Officer Flahive's memory with the Annual Scott Flahive Memorial Cruise, which travels down Beacon Boulevard and raises money for a scholarship fund for students studying criminal justice. Naming this portion of a highway in Grand Haven would be a fitting way to commemorate Officer Flahive's service and sacrifice.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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