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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2478)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the staff sergeant William Nathaniel Howard
2 highway, and including applicability provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **314.32 Staff sergeant William**
2 **Nathaniel Howard highway.**

3 The segment of the highway known as United States highway 30
4 within the corporate limits of the city of Marshalltown shall
5 be designated as the "Staff Sergeant William Nathaniel Howard
6 Highway" in honor of William "Nate" Howard, who was killed in
7 action in Palmyra, Syria, on December 13, 2025, while serving in
8 the Iowa army national guard.

9 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to the segment of
10 United States highway 30 within the corporate limits of the
11 city of Marshalltown on the effective date of this Act, and
12 shall apply to that segment thereafter regardless of whether the
13 highway's designation as United States highway 30 is subsequently
14 changed by the government of the United States.

15 **EXPLANATION**

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill designates the segment of U.S. highway 30 within the
19 corporate limits of Marshalltown as the "Staff Sergeant William
20 Nathaniel Howard Highway". U.S. highway 30 is more than 300
21 miles long across Iowa including approximately 5 miles traversing
22 through the corporate limits of Marshalltown. Staff sergeant
23 William "Nate" Howard was killed in action in Palmyra, Syria,
24 while serving in the Iowa army national guard's 1st squadron,
25 113th cavalry regiment, part of the 2nd brigade combat team, 34th
26 infantry division.

27 Pursuant to Code section 321.346, the cost of signs on primary
28 highways must be paid out of the primary road fund.

29 The bill applies to the segment of U.S. highway 30 on July 1,
30 2026, and shall apply to that segment thereafter regardless of
31 whether the highway's designation is subsequently changed by the
32 U.S. government.