

**House File 2656 - Introduced**

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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:

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  
8 in 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  
13 the highway's designation as United States highway 30 is  
14 subsequently changed by the government of the United States.

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

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

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