

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

Sponsor: SENATOR RAFFERTY

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out "AND"

2 Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by striking out the period after
3 "HIGHWAY" and inserting

4 ; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1029 over
5 the Tunkhannock Creek, Nicholson Township, Wyoming County, as
6 the Jody Allen Cron Memorial Bridge; designating Exit 113,
7 State Ramp 8001, from Interstate 79 onto State Route 208, in
8 Springfield Township, Mercer County, as the Lieutenant
9 Colonel Michael E. McLaughlin Veterans Ramp; designating the
10 interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway
11 Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28, in
12 Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial
13 Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of State
14 Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek,
15 Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D.
16 "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State
17 Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township,
18 Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a
19 bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek,
20 Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Specialist
21 Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the
22 bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the
23 Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships,
24 Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial
25 Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 34 that
26 connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry
27 County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a portion
28 of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road, in
29 Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George
30 Stuckey Memorial Road; and making a related repeal.

31 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

32 Section 3. Jody Allen Cron Memorial Bridge.

33 (a) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1029
34 over the Tunkhannock Creek, Nicholson Township, Wyoming County,
35 is hereby designated the Jody Allen Cron Memorial Bridge in

1 memory of PFC Cron's service and sacrifice during the Vietnam
2 Conflict.

3 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
4 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
5 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

6 Section 4. Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. McLaughlin Veterans
7 Ramp.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds as follows:

9 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. McLaughlin served this
10 country and this Commonwealth with honor and distinction as a
11 member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. He was a native of
12 Tionesta, Forest County, and was a private contractor in
13 Mercer when he mobilized with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team,
14 28th Infantry Division, of the Pennsylvania National Guard in
15 2005.

16 (2) On January 5, 2006, Lieutenant Colonel McLaughlin
17 gave his life in the line of duty when he was killed in
18 action in Ramadi, Iraq. He was the first officer in the
19 Pennsylvania National Guard to be killed in action since
20 World War II.

21 (b) Designation.--Exit 113, State Ramp 8001, from Interstate
22 79 onto State Route 208, in Springfield Township, Mercer County,
23 is hereby designated the Lieutenant Colonel Michael E.
24 McLaughlin Veterans Ramp.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs at the ramp displaying the name of
27 the ramp.

28 Section 5. Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange.

29 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
30 follows:

31 (1) Thomas Richard Matty was born on October 4, 1945, in
32 Denbo, Pennsylvania.

33 (2) Thomas R. Matty was a 1963 graduate of Bethlehem
34 Center High School where he excelled in many sports,
35 especially baseball. He received a business administration
36 degree from the Educational Institute of Pittsburgh in 1965.

37 (3) Thomas R. Matty enlisted in the United States Marine
38 Corps in 1966. He attended boot camp training at Parris
39 Island and additional training at Camp Lejeune and at El
40 Toro, California. He arrived in Vietnam on November 9, 1967.

41 (4) Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty made the ultimate
42 sacrifice for his country when he was killed in the vicinity
43 of Quang Nam Province in South Vietnam on December 21, 1967,
44 at 22 years of age.

45 (5) Bethlehem Center High School continues to honor
46 Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty by giving an award to a senior
47 class member in his honor.

48 (b) Designation.--The interchange of State Route 43 in
49 Washington County at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with
50 State Route 88, known as Exit 28, is hereby designated the
51 Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange.

1 (c) Signs.--The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission shall erect
2 and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
3 interchange.

4 Section 6. PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Memorial Bridge.

5 (a) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1013,
6 known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, in Fairfield
7 Township, Westmoreland County, is hereby designated the PFC
8 LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge.

9 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
10 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
11 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

12 Section 7. Army Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial
13 Bridge.

14 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
15 follows:

16 (1) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., was born on March 31,
17 1973, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

18 (2) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., enlisted in the United
19 States Army and completed basic training in June 1992.

20 (3) Specialist Kowalewski was later assigned to the 3rd
21 Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

22 (4) As part of a United Nations peace keeping operation,
23 Specialist Kowalewski was deployed to Somalia in August 1993.

24 (5) On October 3, 1993, Specialist Kowalewski, along
25 with 17 other men, were killed in the Battle of Mogadishu.
26 During the battle, a group of Somalis, armed with automatic
27 weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, ambushed Specialist
28 Kowalewski's convoy while in route to rescue downed pilots of
29 a Black Hawk helicopter.

30 (6) The encounter has been described as one of our
31 country's most violent firefights since Vietnam. The battle
32 was later depicted in the famous novel and movie "Black Hawk
33 Down."

34 (7) For his heroic actions during battle, Specialist
35 Kowalewski was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and
36 the Purple Heart.

37 (b) Designation.--The Bridge located on State Route 88 in
38 Cumberland Township, Greene County, Section Q10, Segment
39 0300/0000, Structure Number S-31843, over Muddy Creek is hereby
40 designated the Army Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr.,
41 Memorial Bridge.

42 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
43 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the
44 bridge designated in subsection (b).

45 Section 8. Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge.

46 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
47 follows:

48 (1) Brothers Robert "Robbie" and Ryan Miller were very
49 well respected in their community for their courageous
50 devotion to emergency response.

51 (2) Robbie and Ryan Miller served as volunteer

1 firefighters for the West Bradford Fire Company, the West
2 Chester Good Will Fire Company and the East Brandywine Fire
3 Company.

4 (3) Robbie Miller was killed in a motorcycle accident on
5 May 2, 2013.

6 (4) Tragically, Ryan Miller was also killed in a
7 motorcycle accident on July 19, 2014.

8 (b) Designation.--The bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over
9 the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and
10 East Caln Townships, Chester County, is hereby designated the
11 Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge.

12 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
13 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the
14 bridge designated under subsection (b).

15 Section 9. Paul Reider Bridge.

16 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
17 follows:

18 (1) In 1789, Paul Reider purchased a tract of land on
19 the banks of the Juniata River from David English.

20 (2) Over time, Reider's descendants founded the town of
21 Reider's Ferry at that point on the Juniata River, which was
22 formally established in 1804 as the town of Reidersville.

23 (3) Today the town of Reidersville is known as Newport.

24 (4) The Reider's Ferry Bridge Company, founded in 1838,
25 constructed a covered bridge in 1851 spanning the Juniata
26 River connecting Newport to Howe Township.

27 (5) That bridge was destroyed in an 1889 flood and
28 replaced with another covered bridge.

29 (6) In 1903, the covered bridge was replaced with an
30 iron bridge.

31 (7) In 1934, the iron bridge was replaced with a steel
32 bridge, which has remained unnamed.

33 (8) The Newport Celebrates 175 Steering Committee and
34 the Newport Revitalization and Preservation Society both have
35 voted unanimously that this community founder is deserving of
36 commemorative action.

37 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 34 that
38 connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport, Perry
39 County, is hereby designated as the Paul Reider Bridge.

40 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
41 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
42 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

43 Section 10. Sergeant George F. Stuckey Memorial Road.

44 (a) Findings.--

45 (1) Sergeant George F. Stuckey was born June 29, 1939,
46 in Michigan and came to the Bucks County area when he was a
47 child. He was a graduate of Delhaas High School.

48 (2) Sergeant Stuckey was a police officer with the
49 Bristol Township Police Department where he served for seven
50 years. He held the rank of detective for five years before
51 becoming acting sergeant in the detective division. He served

1 as the department's photographic expert.

2 (3) Sergeant Stuckey made the ultimate sacrifice on
3 March 29, 1972, when he was shot and killed in the line of
4 duty while stopping a vehicle involved in a bank robbery
5 along Bath Road in Bristol Township. The shooting occurred
6 only a couple hundred feet from the police headquarters.

7 (4) Sergeant Stuckey was the first police officer in
8 Bucks County to be killed in the line of duty.

9 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2029, known as
10 Bath Road, that runs between US Route 13 (Segment 10) to Oxford
11 Valley Road (Segment 40) and the section of State Route 2049,
12 also known as Bath Road, that runs between Oxford Valley Road
13 (Segment 10) to State Route 413 (Segment 40) in Bristol
14 Township, Bucks County, are hereby designated as the Sergeant
15 George F. Stuckey Memorial Road.

16 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
17 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
18 traffic in both directions on the highway.

19 Section 11. The act of May 13, 2015 (P.L.14, No.3), entitled
20 "An act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the
21 Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as
22 Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty
23 Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of
24 State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek,
25 Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC LeRoy D.
26 "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of State Route
27 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair Township,
28 Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway; designating a
29 bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over Muddy Creek,
30 Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army Corporal Richard
31 W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge
32 carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east branch of the Brandywine
33 Creek in West Bradford and East Caln Townships, Chester County,
34 as the Robbie and Ryan Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the
35 bridge located on State Route 34 that connects the banks of the
36 Juniata River in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider
37 bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049,
38 also known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as
39 the Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road," is repealed.

40 Amend Bill, page 4, line 10, by striking out "3" and
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