## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1040 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, SABATINA, COSTA, DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF AND TARTAGLIONE, OCTOBER 20, 2015

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 20, 2015

## AN ACT

- Designating the bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the
- 3 Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge.
- 7 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (1) Brian K. Mowery was born on December 30, 1961, to
- 10 Harry E. and Patricia M. Mowery.
- 11 (2) Staff Sergeant Mowery served in the United States
- Marine Corps from 1979 through 1985.
- 13 (3) In 2000, Staff Sergeant Mowery enlisted in the
- 14 Pennsylvania Army National Guard Kutztown as an infantry
- 15 team leader and a motor transport operator. During this time,
- he served in the Kosovo Peacekeeping Mission from 2003
- 17 through 2004 and in disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina
- 18 in 2005.

- 1 (4) Staff Sergeant Mowery proudly served in the 131st
- 2 Transportation Company of the Pennsylvania Army National
- 3 Guard Williamstown starting in 2010 and was stationed in
- 4 Afghanistan from January 2011 until his death.
- 5 (5) While transporting necessary supplies near Bagram,
- 6 Afghanistan, his convoy was attacked, and Staff Sergeant
- 7 Mowery was killed on July 18, 2011.
- 8 (6) In recognition of his service, Staff Sergeant Mowery
- 9 was awarded two Army Commendation Medals, an Army Reserve
- 10 Component Achievement Medal, a NATO Medal, the Kosovo
- 11 Campaign Medal and the Governor's Unit Citation. He
- 12 posthumously received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star,
- and he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.
- 14 (b) Designation.--The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses
- 15 the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, is
- 16 hereby designated as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial
- 17 Bridge.
- 18 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 19 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
- 20 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.