

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2044 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY BLOOM, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, COX, BURNS, BARRAR, RYAN, DUSH, SONNEY, DONATUCCI, DIGIROLAMO, MALONEY, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, TALLMAN, ROTHMAN, DAVIS, WARD, LONGIETTI, MUSTIO, TOEPEL, KAUFFMAN, SAYLOR, O'NEILL, CAUSER, MILLARD, ENGLISH, KINSEY, WHEELAND, MURT, KNOWLES, MARSICO AND GROVE, JANUARY 30, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 30, 2018

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge on State Route 641, also known as East  
2 High Street, over the Letort Spring in Carlisle Borough,  
3 Cumberland County, as the Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey  
4 Memorial Bridge.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey was born May 11,  
11 1946, in Carlisle.

12 (2) Lance Corporal Rykoskey graduated from Carlisle Area  
13 High School, after which he entered the United States Marine  
14 Corps, where he served for two years.

15 (3) Lance Corporal Rykoskey was stationed in Quang Nam  
16 province, South Vietnam, as part of C Company, 3rd  
17 Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

1           (4) On August 18, 1966, Lance Corporal Rykoskey was on  
2 his way back from a reconnaissance patrol in the Da Nang area  
3 when he was the first to see an undetermined number of Viet  
4 Cong coming up a trail.

5           (5) Lance Corporal Rykoskey was aware that his movement  
6 would alert the enemy of his position, but he unhesitatingly  
7 turned to alert his fellow patrolmen of the impending danger.

8           (6) The Viet Cong fired upon Lance Corporal Rykoskey  
9 with automatic weapons and he was killed. His fellow  
10 patrolmen were able to return fire, break contact with the  
11 Viet Cong force, who greatly outnumbered them, and return to  
12 friendly territory.

13          (7) The remaining patrol members were able to provide  
14 information to higher headquarters that allowed the launch of  
15 a successful ground action against the enemy.

16          (8) Lance Corporal Rykoskey was awarded the Purple  
17 Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam  
18 Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon bar,  
19 the Military Merit Medal, the Gallantry Cross with Palm, the  
20 Vietnamese Decree and the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"  
21 in honor of his service to his country.

22          (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 641,  
23 also known as East High Street, over the Letort Spring in  
24 Carlisle Borough, Cumberland County, is designated the Lance  
25 Corporal Edward Rykoskey Memorial Bridge.

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

29 Section 2. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 60 days.