

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1609 Session of
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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 8, 2008

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Route 8 in the Borough of Etna,
2 Allegheny County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.
3 Novosel Memorial Highway; and making a related repeal.

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

6 Section 1. Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Memorial
7 Highway.

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

10 (1) On October 2, 1969, in the Kien Tuong Province,
11 Republic of Vietnam, Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.
12 Novosel, with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action
13 at the risk of his life and above and beyond the call of
14 duty, distinguished himself while serving as commander of a
15 medical evacuation helicopter.

16 (2) Chief Warrant Officer Novosel unhesitatingly
17 maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and
18 defended enemy training area where a group of wounded

1 Vietnamese soldiers were pinned down by a large enemy force.

2 (3) On six occasions while flying without gunship or
3 other cover and exposed to intense machine gun fire Chief
4 Warrant Officer Novosel returned to the area in order to
5 extract friendly troops.

6 (4) Near the end of the mission a wounded soldier was
7 spotted close to an enemy bunker. Fully realizing that he
8 would attract enemy fire, Chief Warrant Officer Novosel
9 attempted and extracted the soldier while being injured
10 himself.

11 (5) In all, 15 extractions were performed in order to
12 remove wounded personnel. As a direct result of his selfless
13 conduct, the lives of 29 soldiers were saved.

14 (6) The extraordinary heroism displayed by Chief Warrant
15 Officer Novosel was an inspiration to his comrades in arms
16 and reflects great credit on him, his unit and the United
17 States Army.

18 (b) Designation.--Route 8 in the Borough of Etna, Allegheny
19 County is hereby designated as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael
20 J. Novosel Memorial Highway in recognition of the Medal of Honor
21 recipient.

22 (c) Signs.--Department of Transportation shall erect and
23 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under
24 subsection (b).

25 Section 2. Repeals.

26 (a) Intent.--The General Assembly declares that the repeal
27 under subsection (b) is necessary to effectuate this act.

28 (b) Provision.--Section 9 of the act of December 9, 2002
29 (P.L.1412, No.178), entitled "An act designating a portion of
30 the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the Yohogania

1 County Courthouse Highway; designating the Mon/Fayette
2 Expressway interchange connecting to Commonwealth Avenue and
3 State Route 837 in the City of Duquesne as the First Sergeant
4 Leonard Funk, Jr., Interchange; designating the Mon/Fayette
5 Expressway interchange with East Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard
6 in North Versailles as the Captain Michael John Estocin
7 Interchange; designating an interchange of the Mon/Fayette
8 Expressway with I-376 in Monroeville, Westmoreland County, as
9 the Captain James A. Graham Interchange; designating the half
10 interchange including only the westbound Mon/Fayette Expressway
11 to I-376 and eastbound I-376 to Mon/Fayette in the City of
12 Pittsburgh as the Lance Corporal William R. Prom Interchange;
13 designating the Mon/Fayette Expressway interchange with Sixth
14 Street in Braddock as the Ensign Henry Clay Drexler Interchange;
15 designating the half interchange of the Mon/Fayette Expressway,
16 including only westbound off and eastbound on movements, with
17 Second Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh as the Corporal Charles
18 E. Kelly Interchange; designating the interchange with Business
19 Route 22 in Wilkins Township, Allegheny County, as the Staff
20 Sergeant John Minick Interchange; designating the half
21 interchange with access road connecting to Thompson Run Road in
22 Penn Hills Township as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.
23 Novosel Interchange; designating the interchange with Second
24 Avenue at the north end of Glenwood Bridge in the City of
25 Pittsburgh as the Private First Class John 'Jack' Kelly
26 Interchange; designating the interchange connecting Camp Hollow
27 Road in West Mifflin and Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard
28 (Richland Avenue) in Dravosburg as the Private Franklin J.
29 Phillips Interchange; designating a section of State Route 1011
30 in Clearfield, Cameron and Elk Counties as the Quehanna Highway;

1 and designating the interchange, Exit 44, at Route 136 and Dry
2 Run Road in Washington County as the Staff Sergeant Karl Gorman
3 Taylor, Sr., Interchange," is repealed.
4 Section 3. Effective date.
5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.