
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BOROWICZ, RYAN, COX, SMITH, KNOWLES, HILL-EVANS,
BURNS, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, DRISCOLL, ROWE, CONKLIN, CAUSER,
WHEELAND, STRUZZI AND NEILSON, MARCH 16, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 16, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 12275, carrying
2 State Route 1002 over the West Branch of the Susquehanna
3 River, Castanea Township, Clinton County, as the Petty
4 Officer Stephen "Turbo" Toboz, Jr., Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Petty Officer Stephen "Turbo" Toboz, Jr., Bridge.

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

10 (1) Stephen "Turbo" Toboz, Jr., was born April 24, 1969,
11 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

12 (2) "Turbo" served in the United States Navy as a Navy
13 SEAL.

14 (3) On March 3 and 4, 2002, SEAL Team DEVGRU was
15 inserted in support of operation Anaconda in the Shahi-Kot
16 Valley at Takur Ghar.

17 (4) As the team was being inserted, its MH-47 Chinook
18 helicopter was hit by multiple rocket propelled grenades,

1 forcing the helicopter to make evasive moves in which SEAL
2 Neil "Fifi" Roberts fell off the rear deck of the MH-47 onto
3 the ground.

4 (5) The helicopter was able to control crash land
5 several clicks away.

6 (6) Immediate reports indicated that SEAL Roberts was
7 alive, so another MH-47 was dispatched to pick up the downed
8 team and form a rescue of its team member Roberts.

9 (7) The team quickly reinserted on Takur Ghar where it
10 immediately came under withering enemy fire.

11 (8) The SEALs fought up the mountain, with total
12 disregard for their own safety, to several bunker locations
13 near where SEAL Roberts was last reported to be.

14 (9) During this fight, three team members were wounded,
15 including Petty Officer Stephen "Turbo" Toboz, Jr., who was
16 shot in the leg, shattering the bone and making a fist-sized
17 hole in his calf.

18 (10) Battling for their lives in three feet of snow in
19 temperatures that were 20 degrees below zero and against an
20 overwhelming entrenched enemy force estimated at over 200,
21 the team was forced down over the shear cliffs to a safer
22 location.

23 (11) The battle continued for a total of 18 hours and
24 "Turbo" refused morphine so he could stay in the fight.

25 (12) "Turbo" lost three liters of blood but somehow
26 managed to keep fighting alongside his teammates until later
27 being exfiltrated by the 160th Special Operations Aviation
28 Group, "The Army's Nightstalker's."

29 (13) This battle will forever be known as the "Battle of
30 Roberts Ridge." This very small six-man team received the

1 following awards for its valor:

2 (i) Two Medals of Honor, our nation's highest medal
3 for valor.

4 (ii) One Navy Cross, the second-highest medal for
5 valor.

6 (iii) One Silver Star, the third-highest medal for
7 valor.

8 (iv) One Bronze Star, the fourth-highest medal for
9 valor.

10 (v) Four Purple Hearts, which have been awarded for
11 wounds received in battle going back to the Revolutionary
12 War.

13 (14) In total, with all American forces engaged in this
14 battle, seven Americans were killed, twelve were wounded and
15 two MH-47 helicopters were destroyed.

16 (15) Petty Officer Toboz's actions during this battle
17 reflect the highest traditions of the Naval Special Warfare
18 Development Group upon himself and his true courage under
19 overwhelming fire while carrying forward the warrior's sworn
20 creed that no man will ever be left behind no matter the cost
21 to one's self.

22 (16) Petty Officer Toboz's actions are in keeping with
23 the nation's highest honors. A true modern naval warrior, he
24 reflects great honor as a son of this Commonwealth, Clinton
25 County, Lock Haven, and the community he represented during
26 that fatal battle.

27 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
28 12275, carrying State Route 1002 over the West Branch of the
29 Susquehanna River, Castanea Township, Clinton County, is
30 designated the Petty Officer Stephen "Turbo" Toboz, Jr., Bridge.

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

4 Section 2. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.