

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 65

Sponsor: SENATOR K. WARD

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after  
2 "Bridge" and inserting  
3 ; designating the 2100 to 2200 block of Castor Avenue, State  
4 Route 1005, in Philadelphia County as the Police Officer  
5 Raymond Diaz, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating the portion  
6 of Interstate 376 from the end of the bridge identified as  
7 Bridge Key 3522 to the exit at State Route 51 in Beaver  
8 County, as the Richard L. Shaw Memorial Highway; designating  
9 the bridge identified as Bridge Key 3522 on that portion of  
10 Interstate 376 over the Ohio River in Vanport Township,  
11 Beaver County, as the USAF Combat Controller Staff Sgt. Dylan  
12 Elchin Memorial Bridge; designating the first block of West  
13 Main Street, State Route 1010, in Fleetwood Borough, Berks  
14 County, as the Alex J. Szoke Highway; designating the bridge  
15 identified as Bridge Key 15986 on that portion of Interstate  
16 79 northbound over West 16th Street in the City of Erie, Erie  
17 County, as the Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge;  
18 designating the bridge on that portion of State Route 4011  
19 over Pine Creek, Hegins Township, Schuylkill County, as the  
20 A. Donald Buffington Memorial Bridge; designating a portion  
21 of Pennsylvania Route 144 beginning at the intersection of  
22 Pennsylvania Route 64 in Pleasant Gap and ending at the  
23 intersection of Pennsylvania Route 45 in Centre Hall, Centre  
24 County, as the Duster-Quad 50-Searchlight Highway; and  
25 designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 50 in  
26 Independence Township, Washington County, as the Lt. Col.  
27 Juanita L. Warman Memorial Highway.

28 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 20 and 21

29 Section 2. Police Officer Raymond Diaz, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

32 (1) Police Officer Raymond Diaz, Jr., made the ultimate  
33 sacrifice on September 9, 2016, when he died as a result of  
34 complications from injuries sustained in an accident when his  
35 patrol car was struck by a vehicle while responding to a  
36 burglary.

37 (2) As a result of the accident Officer Diaz was

1 diagnosed with concussion-like symptoms as well as other  
2 injuries.

3 (3) Officer Diaz was assigned to the 24th Police  
4 District and served with the Philadelphia Police Department  
5 for 20 years.

6 (4) Officer Diaz was survived by his wife and three  
7 children.

8 (b) Designation.--The 2100 to 2200 block of Castor Avenue,  
9 State Route 1005, in Philadelphia County is designated the  
10 Police Officer Raymond Diaz, Jr., Memorial Highway.

11 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
12 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to  
13 traffic in both directions on the highway.  
14 Section 3. Richard L. Shaw Memorial Highway.

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

17 (1) Richard L. Shaw, born on May 8, 1927, passed away on  
18 December 29, 2018, at 91 years of age.

19 (2) After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh  
20 in 1950 with a business degree, Shaw went to work for the  
21 Michael Baker Corp., an engineering firm, in 1952. He  
22 progressed through various leadership positions before being  
23 named president in 1973 and chief executive officer in 1984.

24 (3) He retired as CEO of Michael Baker Corp. in 1992,  
25 but returned to that role three times between 1993 and 2006,  
26 finally retiring in 2008.

27 (4) Shaw served for decades on the board of directors of  
28 the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, as  
29 well as the New Brighton Area school board.

30 (5) Shaw was a trustee of Brighton Center for Youth and  
31 served on the boards of a number of organizations, including  
32 The United Way of Beaver County, Salvation Army, Penn State-  
33 Beaver, Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning  
34 Commission, Allegheny County Airport Authority, American Red  
35 Cross and Boy Scouts of America.

36 (6) In his capacity at Michael Baker Corp., Shaw also  
37 completed the property surveys, site design and civil  
38 permitting for the new home of the Beaver County Humane  
39 Society at no cost to the society. The plan for the state-of-  
40 the-art facility came to fruition in 2013.

41 (7) Shaw was a leading force in the designation of Route  
42 60 as Interstate 376, which sparked significant economic  
43 development in Beaver County.

44 (8) A World War II veteran, Shaw dedicated more than 60  
45 years to supporting and expanding the business and civic  
46 communities of Beaver County.

47 (b) Designation.--The portion of Interstate 376 from the end  
48 of the bridge identified as Bridge Key 3522 to the exit at State  
49 Route 51 in Beaver County, is designated the Richard L. Shaw  
50 Memorial Highway.

51 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

1 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to  
2 traffic in both directions on the highway.

3 Section 4. USAF Combat Controller Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin  
4 Memorial Bridge.

5 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
6 follows:

7 (1) USAF Combat Controller Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin was  
8 born June 11, 1993, and gave his life in the line of duty on  
9 November 27, 2018, at 25 years of age.

10 (2) After graduating from Hopewell High School in 2012,  
11 Staff Sgt. Elchin joined the United State Air Force and was  
12 stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico.

13 (3) Staff Sgt. Elchin was deployed to serve in the Andar  
14 District of the Ghazni Province in Afghanistan as a Joint  
15 Terminal Attack Controller with the 26th Special Tactics  
16 Squadron.

17 (4) Staff Sgt. Elchin was a recipient of the Bronze  
18 Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with  
19 valor, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Combat  
20 Action Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense  
21 Service Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal, the Global War on  
22 Terrorism Service Medal and the NATO Medal.

23 (5) Throughout his career, Staff Sgt. Elchin steadfastly  
24 displayed exceeding loyalty and dedication to the United  
25 States of America as well as the United States Air Force.  
26 People who value freedom will forever owe him a debt that  
27 never can be repaid.

28 (b) Designation.--The bridge identified as Bridge Key 3522  
29 on that portion of Interstate 376 over the Ohio River in Vanport  
30 Township, Beaver County, is designated the USAF Combat  
31 Controller Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin Memorial Bridge.

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

35 Section 5. Alex J. Szoke Highway.

36 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
37 follows:

38 (1) Alex J. "Shonny" Szoke was recognized for his record  
39 of community commitment and service by a resolution of the  
40 borough council of Fleetwood Borough, Berks County, on  
41 December 10, 2018.

42 (2) Mr. Szoke and his wife, Gloria, were married for 65  
43 years before his death on November 18, 2018.

44 (3) He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps  
45 Reserve before graduating from Kutztown High School in 1948,  
46 and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

47 (4) Mr. Szoke was a member of Fleetwood Borough Council  
48 for 40 years, serving most of that time as council president.

49 (5) He also served as a church council member of  
50 Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Molltown; a founder of  
51 the Fleetwood Area Baseball Association (FABA); a Cub Scout

1 master for Evansville and Fleetwood, an officer of the  
2 Fraternal Order Orioles Fleetwood Nest 23; a secretary of his  
3 union local at Allentown Portland Cement in Evansville, past  
4 chair of the Berks County Democratic Committee, and winner of  
5 the full beard award during the 1973 Fleetwood Centennial  
6 year.

7 (b) Designation.--The first block of West Main Street, State  
8 Route 1010, in Fleetwood Borough, Berks County, is designated as  
9 the Alex J. Szoke Highway.

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

13 Section 6. Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

16 (1) Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., was born May 18, 1930, in  
17 the City of Erie, Erie County, and served the United States  
18 in the Marine Corps, where he reached the rank of Captain.

19 (2) Captain Kennedy was the Senior Battalion Advisor to  
20 the Fifth Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Brigade, in the  
21 hostile area of Phu An, Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam.

22 (3) On June 12, 1966, Captain Kennedy was with the Fifth  
23 Battalion Command Post when the lead elements were pinned  
24 down by heavy enemy fire and the Command Post was destroyed  
25 by enemy mortar and rifle fire, killing the Battalion  
26 Commander, the Battalion Surgeon, key staff officers and  
27 numerous soldiers.

28 (4) Although suffering multiple shrapnel wounds, Captain  
29 Kennedy located a radio and, with his last breath, reported  
30 the situation, allowing the battalion to set up a defensive  
31 perimeter and repulse repeated enemy attacks.

32 (5) Despite his mortal wounds, Captain Kennedy prevented  
33 enemy forces from overrunning the remaining battalion units  
34 and valiantly gave his life protecting the lives of his  
35 fellow Marines.

36 (6) For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action,  
37 Captain Kennedy was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the  
38 third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat.

39 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
40 15986, on that portion of Interstate 79 northbound over West  
41 16th Street in the City of Erie, Erie County, is designated the  
42 Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

46 Section 7. A. Donald Buffington Memorial Bridge.

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

49 (1) A. Donald Buffington was born December 16, 1929.

50 (2) Mr. Buffington graduated in 1947 from the former  
51 Hegins Township High School and in 1949 from the former

1 Eckles College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia.

2 (3) Mr. Buffington faithfully served his community as a  
3 board member of the Valley View Park Association and a board  
4 member of the Tri-Valley School Board for several decades.

5 (4) Mr. Buffington spent several decades of time  
6 maintaining the Valley View Park which included painting and  
7 cutting grass.

8 (5) Mr. Buffington was a coach for the Hegins Valley  
9 Teener League and was the first Teener League coach from  
10 Schuylkill County to win the State Championship in 1970.

11 (6) Mr. Buffington played and coached semi-pro baseball  
12 in the area for many years.

13 (7) Mr. Buffington was the Funeral Director for the  
14 former Buffington Funeral Home and the Buffington-Reed  
15 Funeral Home, both of Valley View.

16 (8) Mr. Buffington was a member of Friedens United  
17 Church of Christ in Hegins, Valley View Gun Club and Valley  
18 View Fire Company.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 4011  
20 over Pine Creek, Hegins Township, Schuylkill County, is  
21 designated the A. Donald Buffington Memorial Bridge.

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

25 Section 8. Duster-Quad 50-Searchlight Highway.

26 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
27 follows:

28 (1) Dusters, quad .50s and searchlights were weapons  
29 used by the United States Army, grouped together as separate  
30 small units, and deployed to Vietnam starting in 1966 and  
31 ending in 1972.

32 (2) Duster was the nickname given to a weapon mounted on  
33 a tank chassis with two 40 mm guns mounted on top.

34 (3) Quad 50 was the nickname for a weapon that had  
35 four .50 caliber machine guns mounted on the back of a two  
36 and one-half ton truck.

37 (4) Searchlights provided white light and infrared  
38 illumination to assist the United States Army in the defense  
39 of combat bases at night.

40 (5) Several hundred soldiers from this Commonwealth  
41 served in units heavily armed with dusters, quad .50s and  
42 searchlights.

43 (6) The 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, with Battery G of  
44 the 65th Artillery and Battery G of the 29th Artillery  
45 attached, was the highest decorated unit of its size to fight  
46 in the Vietnam War.

47 (7) As a unit equipped with dusters, quad .50s and  
48 searchlights, the unit was awarded over 450 medals for valor,  
49 including the Medal of Honor, and was awarded over 1000  
50 Purple Hearts.

51 (8) During the Vietnam War, units equipped with dusters,

1 quad .50s and searchlights suffered the loss of 211 soldiers,  
2 including five soldiers from this Commonwealth.

3 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 144  
4 beginning at the intersection of Pennsylvania Route 64 in  
5 Pleasant Gap and ending at the intersection of Pennsylvania  
6 Route 45 in Centre Hall, Centre County, is designated as Duster-  
7 Quad 50-Searchlight Highway.

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

11 Section 9. Lieutenant Colonel Juanita L. Warman Memorial  
12 Highway.

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

15 (1) Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman lived in Avella as a  
16 child and attended elementary school and junior high school  
17 there.

18 (2) Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman attended the former  
19 Langley High School in Pittsburgh and graduated from the  
20 University of Pittsburgh with a master's degree in nursing.

21 (3) Lt. Col. Warman worked at the University of  
22 Pittsburgh Medical Center for a portion of her career, joined  
23 the United States Army and, as a psychiatric nurse  
24 practitioner, served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom  
25 in 2006.

26 (4) Lt. Col. Warman was an expert in post-traumatic  
27 stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

28 (5) Lt. Col. Warman served a year in Germany at  
29 Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, a medical facility where  
30 soldiers wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq were treated before  
31 being returned to the United States, and regularly  
32 volunteered for trips to care for soldiers being transported  
33 to Landstuhl.

34 (6) For her meritorious service at Landstuhl, Lt. Col.  
35 Warman was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 2006.

36 (7) On November 5, 2009, while at the Soldier Readiness  
37 Processing Center in Fort Hood, Texas for deployment to Iraq,  
38 Lt. Col Warman was killed during a shooting rampage in which  
39 13 people were killed and 30 more were injured.

40 (8) Lt. Col. Warman's military career spanned 25 years  
41 in active duty and the Army reserves.

42 (b) Designation.--The section of Pennsylvania Route 50 in  
43 Independence Township, Washington County, from Segment 70 to  
44 Segment 80 is designated the Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman Memorial  
45 Highway.

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

49 Amend Bill, page 2, line 21, by striking out "2" and

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