

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1597

Sponsor: SENATOR K. WARD

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the period after
2 "Interchange" and inserting
3 ; designating a portion of State Route 1015, the 11000 block of
4 Knights Road, in Philadelphia County, as the Sergeant James
5 O'Connor Memorial Highway; designating a bridge, identified
6 as Bridge Key 57213, carrying State Route 1036 over Six Mile
7 Run, Broad Top Township, Bedford County, as the Sergeant
8 David Leon Barber Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge,
9 identified as Bridge Key 52785, on that portion of State
10 Route 4027 over Bald Eagle Creek, Snyder Township, Blair
11 County, as the Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge;
12 designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 48976, on
13 that portion of Pennsylvania Route 669 that crosses the
14 Casselman River at the west end of Ord Street, Salisbury
15 Borough, Somerset County, as the Sergeant Stephen M. Minick
16 Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge
17 Key 31586, on that portion of State Route 2004 carrying
18 Broadway Street over the Casselman River, in Summit Township,
19 Somerset County, as the Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial
20 Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 15279,
21 on that portion of State Route 2025, also known as Morton
22 Avenue, over Stony Creek in Morton Borough, Delaware County,
23 as the Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr., Memorial Bridge;
24 designating a portion of State Route 2012 in Monroe County as
25 the Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway; designating
26 the bridge on I-70 in Westmoreland County over the
27 Youghiogheny River as the Matthew Smelser Memorial Bridge;
28 designating the portion of County Line Road (SR 2038) between
29 N. Warminster Road and Newtown Road in Bucks County as the
30 Captain William J. Ahlum Memorial Highway; and designating
31 the portion of County Line Road (SR 2038) between N.
32 Warminster Road and Jacksonville Road in Bucks County, as the
33 Specialist 4 Harold E. Cashman Memorial Highway.

34 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

35 Section 2. Sergeant James O'Connor Memorial Highway.

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

1 (1) Corporal James R. O'Connor, IV, was a Philadelphia
2 police officer for 23 years and was with the SWAT unit for 15
3 years.

4 (2) On Friday, March 13, 2020, Corporal O'Connor was
5 serving a homicide warrant at a home in the neighborhood of
6 Frankford in Philadelphia County.

7 (3) The SWAT team was securing the home on Bridge Street
8 when the subject opened fire through a closed door on the
9 second floor.

10 (4) Corporal O'Connor was shot in the shoulder above his
11 bulletproof vest when he entered the home.

12 (5) He was pronounced dead a short time later at Temple
13 University Hospital.

14 (6) Corporal O'Connor was posthumously promoted to the
15 rank of Sergeant.

16 (b) Designation.--The 11000 block of Knights Road, State
17 Route 1015, in Philadelphia County, is designated the Sergeant
18 James O'Connor Memorial Highway.

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

22 Section 3. Sergeant David Leon Barber Memorial Bridge.

23 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
24 follows:

25 (1) Sergeant David Leon Barber, a native of Defiance,
26 Bedford County, gave his life in service to his country
27 during the Vietnam War.

28 (2) Sergeant Barber graduated from Tussey Mountain High
29 School and was working for Maryland Transportation Company
30 when he was drafted by the United States Army on April 17,
31 1968.

32 (3) Sergeant Barber served with the 75th Ranger
33 Regiment, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division.

34 (4) On December 21, 1969, Sergeant Barber was killed in
35 action when the helicopter he was riding in was shot down.

36 (5) Sergeant Barber received the Air Medal for heroism,
37 Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service
38 Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star,
39 Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist
40 Badge, Expert Badge with pistol and rifle bars and the
41 Sharpshooter Badge with automatic rifle bar.

42 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
43 57213, carrying State Route 1036 over Six Mile Run, Broad Top
44 Township, Bedford County, is designated the Sergeant David Leon
45 Barber Memorial Bridge.

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

49 Section 4. Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge.

50 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
51 follows:

1 (1) Corporal Donald L. Westley, a native of Northwood,
2 Blair County, gave his life in service to his country during
3 World War II.

4 (2) In 1940, Corporal Westley enlisted with Troop B,
5 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard and trained at
6 Fort Indiantown Gap.

7 (3) Corporal Westley's troop was called into Federal
8 service in February 1941, and he served at Fort Bragg, North
9 Carolina, Fort Pendleton, Oregon, and Fort Ord, California.

10 (4) Corporal Westley then served in the Aleutians for
11 seven months before returning to Camp Maxey, Texas, in
12 December 1943.

13 (5) In August 1944, Corporal Westley was sent to the
14 European Theater of Operations, where he served in France,
15 Luxembourg and Belgium.

16 (6) Corporal Westley was wounded in combat on December
17 27, 1944, and died on December 30, 1944.

18 (7) Corporal Westley is buried in the Henri Chapelle
19 American Military Cemetery in Henri Chapelle, Belgium.

20 (8) Corporal Westley was awarded the Purple Heart, the
21 World War II Victory Medal and the Honorable Service label
22 button for World War II.

23 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
24 52785, located on State Route 4027 over Bald Eagle Creek, Snyder
25 Township, Blair County, is designated the Cpl. Donald L. Westley
26 Memorial Bridge.

27 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
28 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
29 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
30 Section 5. Sergeant Stephen M. Minick Memorial Bridge.

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

33 (1) Sergeant Minick, a native of Salisbury, gave his
34 life in service to his country during the Vietnam War.

35 (2) Sergeant Minick was a Light Weapons Infantryman and
36 served with A Company, 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd
37 Airborne Brigade.

38 (3) Sergeant Minick was killed in action on March 26,
39 1967, from multiple fragmentation wounds in the Tay Ninh
40 Province, South Vietnam.

41 (4) Sergeant Minick was awarded the Purple Heart, the
42 Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the National
43 Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the
44 Vietnam Service Medal, the Distinguished Unit Citation, the
45 Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and the Good Conduct
46 Medal.

47 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
48 48976, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 669 that crosses
49 the Casselman River at the West End of Ord Street, Salisbury
50 Borough, Somerset County, is designated as the Sergeant Stephen
51 M. Minick Memorial 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 6. Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial Bridge.

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

7 (1) Airman Menser was born July 21, 1944, in Boynton.

8 (2) Airman Menser served on the USS Forrestal as a
9 United States Naval Reservist.

10 (3) On July 29, 1967, the USS Forrestal suffered a
11 catastrophic fire during flight operations while on Yankee
12 Station off the coast of Vietnam and Airman Menser, despite
13 being blasted from his berthing space without his shirt and
14 shoes, proceeded to fight the fire and control the damage.

15 (4) Airman Menser was the awarded the Navy Commendation
16 Medal for his exemplary service and bravery aboard the USS
17 Forrestal.

18 (5) Airman Menser died on July 28, 2018.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
20 31586, on that portion of State Route 2004 carrying Broadway
21 Street over the Casselman River in Summit Township, Somerset
22 County, is designated as the Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial
23 Bridge.

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

27 Section 7. Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

28 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
29 follows:

30 (1) Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr., first served as a
31 volunteer firefighter from 1996 to 2015 for the Gloucester
32 City Fire Department, Pine Grove Station (52) and (54), in
33 Gloucester City, New Jersey, where he earned the rank of
34 Captain.

35 (2) In 2019, Mr. Malinowski became Captain of the
36 Morton-Rutledge Fire Company in Morton and Rutledge Boroughs,
37 Delaware County, where he served as a volunteer firefighter
38 and member of the Board of Directors.

39 (3) Captain Malinowski also participated in department
40 training and fundraising while helping to repair the crew
41 room and the firefighter memorial located at the Morton-
42 Rutledge Fire Company.

43 (4) On December 2, 2019, Captain Michael Malinowski,
44 Sr., reported feeling ill after responding to a call about
45 downed trees and wires in Nether Providence Township,
46 Delaware County.

47 (5) On December 3, 2019, Captain Michael Malinowski,
48 Sr., passed away at the age of 40.

49 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
50 15279, located on that portion of State Route 2025, also known
51 as Morton Avenue, over Stony Creek in Morton Borough, Delaware

1 County, is designated as the Captain Michael Malinowski, Sr.,
2 Memorial Bridge.

3 (c) Signs.--The department shall erect and maintain
4 appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic
5 in both directions on the bridge.

6 Section 8. Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway.

7 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania finds and declares as follows:

9 (1) William Earl Lee was born on June 13, 1947, in
10 Suffolk, Virginia, the son of the late William and Geneva
11 Lee.

12 (2) William Lee enlisted in the United States Army,
13 serving from 1966 to 1968, and was awarded a Purple Heart
14 after being wounded in Vietnam.

15 (3) William became a part of the ministry of the Bethel
16 A.M.E. Church in Brooklyn, New York, and, in May 1991, was
17 ordained as Reverend at the 171st Session of the New York
18 Annual Conference hosted at Baber African Methodist Episcopal
19 Church in Rochester, New York.

20 (4) In early 1992, Reverend Lee facilitated bible study
21 and worship services at locations in New York City, including
22 the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Wall Street Atrium,
23 the Chase Manhattan Plaza, mass transit subways and the
24 Seaman's Church.

25 (5) Reverend William Earl Lee was ordained a Bishop by
26 the World Christianity Ministries.

27 (6) In early 1996, Bishop Lee founded and pastored the
28 Christ Church of Greater Stroudsburg.

29 (7) Under the leadership of Bishop Lee, the Christ
30 Church of Greater Stroudsburg developed the Christ Church
31 Local Development Corporation, the Christ Church Christian
32 Book Store and the Ever Lasting Doors Community Center.

33 (8) Bishop Lee served as Chaplain at Monroe County
34 Correctional Facility for several years instituting new
35 programs from a General Education Diploma (GED) program to
36 baptisms, a women's choir and holiday worship services.

37 (9) Bishop Lee authored two books, "Divine
38 Instructions" and "The Power of God."

39 (10) Bishop Lee founded the Christ Church of Biblical
40 Studies, a satellite of North Carolina College of Theology.

41 (11) In addition to the four masters degrees, Bishop Lee
42 received four doctorates: a Doctorate in Theology, a
43 Doctorate in Philosophy in Biblical Counseling, a Doctorate
44 in Philosophy in Theology and the highest honor in biblical
45 studies, the Sacred Heart of Theology.

46 (12) Bishop William Earl Lee died on February 22, 2018,
47 survived by his wife, Verna Marie McGill-Lee and his three
48 children.

49 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2012 in Monroe
50 County from Shafers School House Road, Segment 160, Offset 1013
51 heading east to Tanite Road, Segment 180, Offset 1457, is

1 designated as the Reverend Dr. Bishop William Earl Lee Highway.

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

5 Section 9. Matthew Smelser Memorial Bridge.

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

8 (1) Matthew Smelser was a 1995 graduate of Frazier High
9 School in Perryopolis in Fayette County and a resident of
10 Charleroi in Washington County.

11 (2) Matthew selflessly worked as a EMS paramedic at the
12 Rostraver West Newton Emergency Services for 24 years and
13 became a supervisor.

14 (3) Matthew bravely gave his life to save another while
15 responding to an emergency situation on January 5, 2020, on
16 I-70.

17 (4) Governor Wolf said "Matthew Smelser's death is a
18 tragic reminder of the risk taken by emergency personal
19 across the state each day to rescue Pennsylvanians in
20 distress."

21 (b) Designation.--The bridge on I-70 in Westmoreland County
22 over the Youghiogheny River is designated Matthew Smelser
23 Memorial Bridge in both directions.

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

27 Section 10. Captain William J. Ahlum Memorial Highway.

28 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
29 follows:

30 (1) On March 23, 1969, Captain William John Ahlum of
31 Hatboro was killed in Vietnam.

32 (2) Cpt. Ahlum served in the Army and was a commissioned
33 officer through The Pennsylvania Military College, now
34 Widener University, in Chester, Pennsylvania.

35 (3) Captain Ahlum was in Vietnam for only a few weeks
36 when he was killed in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam.

37 (4) At the time of his death, Cpt. Ahlum was serving in
38 the 1st Logistical Command, 184th Ordnance Battalion.

39 (5) Cpt. Ahlum was the recipient of the Purple Heart,
40 National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam
41 Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry
42 Cross Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal.

43 (b) Designation.--The portion of County Line Road (SR 2038)
44 between N. Warminster Road and Newtown Road in Bucks County is
45 designated as the Captain William J. Ahlum Memorial 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 Section 11. Specialist 4 Harold E. Cashman Memorial Highway.

50 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
51 follows:

1 (1) Harold E. Cashman was attending Delaware Valley
2 College in Doylestown full-time when he received his draft
3 notice in 1967.

4 (2) Instead of requesting a student deferment to which
5 he was entitled, he reported for his conscription into the
6 United States Army.

7 (3) After completion of his Basic Training, Specialist 4
8 Harold E. Cashman was assigned to the elite 1st Cavalry
9 Division and deployed to South Vietnam in August of 1967.

10 (4) On January 31, 1968, he was killed in Quang Tri
11 Province, South Vietnam, on the first day of the infamous Tet
12 Offensive.

13 (b) Designation.--The portion of County Line Road (SR 2038)
14 between N. Warminster Road and Jacksonville Road in Bucks
15 County, is designated as the Specialist 4 Harold E. Cashman
16 Memorial Highway.

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

20 Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out "2" and inserting

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