

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1429 Session of  
2012

INTRODUCED BY VANCE, RAFFERTY, BAKER, BREWSTER, COSTA, ALLOWAY,  
BRUBAKER, MENSCH, PIPPY, WARD, WAUGH, BOSCOLA, FARNESE,  
FERLO, FONTANA, SOLOBAY AND TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge carrying State Route 114 over Interstate  
2 81 in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, as the  
3 Corporal Paul Walters Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Corporal Paul Walters Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Paul Walters was honorably discharged from the  
10 United States Air Force, having served in Vietnam.

11 (2) Paul Walters became a patrolman for the Silver  
12 Spring Township Police Department on February 25, 1972. He is  
13 the only officer to lose his life in the line of duty in the  
14 history of the Silver Spring Township Police Department.

15 (3) Officer Walters was dispatched to the 6600 block of  
16 the Carlisle Pike in Silver Spring Township on the evening of  
17 January 19, 1975, due to a report of several teenage boys  
18 throwing snowballs at tractor trailers.

1           (4) Officer Walters and his partner proceeded to the  
2 scene, and Officer Walters left their patrol car in the area  
3 where the subjects were reported to have been seen. His  
4 partner proceeded to a nearby location in order to approach  
5 the suspects from the opposite direction.

6           (5) Officer Walters apprehended the suspects and placed  
7 them under arrest. As he escorted them along the Carlisle  
8 Pike to the location of the parked patrol car under  
9 conditions of low driver visibility, Officer Walters walked  
10 along the left lane of northbound traffic and used his  
11 flashlight to signal approaching vehicles to the right lane  
12 in order to provide for the safety of the suspects.

13          (6) Officer Walters signaled a large truck to move into  
14 the right land. The driver of the truck heeded Officer  
15 Walters' direction. Unbeknownst to the driver and Officer  
16 Walters, a vehicle was closely following the truck.

17          (7) Officer Walters was struck by this vehicle. He died  
18 shortly thereafter.

19          (8) Officer Walters was survived by his parents, his  
20 three children and his sister.

21          (9) Officer Walters was posthumously promoted to the  
22 rank of corporal by the Board of Supervisors of Silver Spring  
23 Township.

24       (b) Designation.--The bridge carrying State Route 114 over  
25 Interstate 81 in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, is  
26 designated as the Corporal Paul Walters 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.

30 Section 2. Effective date.

1        This act shall take effect in 60 days.