

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 894** Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 11, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Saxonburg Borough,
2 Butler County, as the Chief Gregory B. Adams Way; designating
3 a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 271 over US
4 Route 22, Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper
5 Gary Fisher Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that
6 portion of Pennsylvania Route 53 over US Route 22, Cresson
7 Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood,
8 Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on Segment 80 of
9 State Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad
10 Street, Lilly Borough, Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney
11 Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of
12 Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough,
13 Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier,
14 Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of
15 Sunnyside Road over the Oswayo Creek, Shinglehouse Borough,
16 Potter County, as the PVT Malon Stanley Memorial Bridge;
17 designating a portion of State Route 1001 in Greene Township,
18 Franklin County, as the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman,
19 Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion
20 of State Route 533 over Muddy Run, Southampton Township,
21 Franklin County, as the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl
22 Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of
23 State Route 1004 over the Conococheague Creek, Greene
24 Township, Franklin County, as the Private Charles W. "Bill"
25 Roher Memorial Bridge.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. Chief Gregory B. Adams Way.

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

1 follows:

2 (1) Gregory B. Adams was born in Natrona Heights, Butler
3 County.

4 (2) Gregory B. Adams, a husband and father of two, was a
5 graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a veteran of the
6 United States Marine Corps.

7 (3) In 1973, Gregory B. Adams joined the Saxonburg
8 Police Department, and several years later he was promoted to
9 Chief of Police.

10 (4) On December 4, 1980, Chief Gregory B. Adams gave his
11 life in the line of duty, ending the criminal career of his
12 murderer and preventing a crime from occurring in Saxonburg
13 Borough.

14 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2005, also
15 known as Butler Street, in Saxonburg Borough, Butler County,
16 from a point identified as SR2005/60 northward to the
17 intersection of Water Street, identified as SR2010/160, is
18 designated the Chief Gregory B. Adams Way.

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 2. Trooper Gary Fisher Memorial Bridge.

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

25 (1) Gary W. Fisher was born on April 2, 1958, to William
26 and Patricia Fisher in Johnstown.

27 (2) He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police on
28 December 8, 1980 at 22 years of age.

29 (3) Following graduation from the State Police Academy,
30 he was assigned to Troop B in Washington County.

1 (4) In May 1983, he transferred to the Region V Strike
2 Force.

3 (5) On February 3, 1985, at 26 years of age, Trooper
4 Fisher was shot and killed in the line of duty while
5 attempting to make an arrest during a drug exchange at the
6 Crossroads Plaza, East Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland
7 County.

8 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of
9 Pennsylvania Route 271 over US Route 22, Jackson Township,
10 Cambria County, is designated the Trooper Gary Fisher Memorial
11 Bridge.

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

15 Section 3. Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

18 (1) Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., was born in the
19 City of Altoona, Blair County, on September 5, 1947, and
20 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam
21 War.

22 (2) On April 3, 1967, Corporal Sherwood made the
23 ultimate sacrifice for his country. While on patrol, his unit
24 came under enemy fire and he was mortally wounded helping
25 load injured Marines into a medical helicopter.

26 (3) For his service to the United States Marine Corps,
27 Corporal Sherwood received the following medals and ribbons:
28 Paratrooper Wings, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense
29 Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Sharpshooter badge.

30 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route

1 53 in Cresson Township, Cambria County, over US Route 22 is
2 designated the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial
3 Bridge.

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

7 Section 4. Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) A native of Lilly, Pennsylvania, 1st Sergeant Paul
11 E. Sweeney served in the United States Army during World War
12 II as a combat engineer trained in mine demolition and
13 setting booby traps with the 90th Infantry Division.

14 (2) On June 17, 1944, his ship, the USS Susan B.
15 Anthony, hit a mine, forcing the troops and crew to abandon
16 ship.

17 (3) On July 4, 1944, Sergeant Sweeney suffered injuries
18 when he was targeted by a German sniper with a percussion
19 grenade.

20 (4) Sergeant Sweeney earned the Silver Star due to his
21 actions in the vicinity of Kerling, France, on November 12,
22 1944, when he risked his life to lead a tank unit through
23 enemy fire to reinforce a patrol taking cover from heavy
24 machine guns, strategically deployed the tank unit to
25 eliminate the machine guns and advanced through intense
26 mortar and small arms fire to attack the enemy and capture 10
27 prisoners.

28 (5) In addition to the Silver Star, Sergeant Sweeney's
29 awards include the Purple Heart and the British Distinguished
30 Service Medal.

1 (6) On August 9, 2016, Sergeant Sweeney passed away at
2 the age of 96.

3 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Segment 80 of State
4 Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street,
5 Lilly Borough, Cambria County, is designated the Paul E. Sweeney
6 Memorial Bridge.

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

10 Section 5. Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memorial
11 Bridge.

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

14 (1) Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., was born
15 on November 4, 1950, in Coudersport, graduated with honors
16 from the local high school and was appointed to the United
17 States Naval Academy.

18 (2) On December 10, 1990, Commander Palmatier, a career
19 Navy officer, was flying a training mission over the Gulf of
20 Mexico when his TA-4 Skyhawk collided with another jet,
21 killing Commander Palmatier at 40 years of age.

22 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Avenue A, bridge ID
23 52400200120000, over the Allegheny River in Coudersport Borough,
24 Potter County, is designated the Commander Philip F. "Jet"
25 Palmatier, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

29 Section 6. PVT Malon Stanley Memorial Bridge.

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

1 follows:

2 (1) PVT Malon Stanley, a native of Potter County, was
3 drafted into the United States Army at the start of World War
4 II and served in the 1st Cavalry Division.

5 (2) PVT Malon Stanley was part of the forces that
6 stormed Leyte Island under the command of General MacArthur.
7 PVT Malon Stanley was killed while providing cover for his
8 fellow troops who were ordered to retreat.

9 (3) PVT Malon Stanley was posthumously awarded the
10 Purple Heart for his service.

11 (b) Designation.--The bridge #4017-0124-0220 located on
12 Sunnyside Road over the Oswayo Creek, Shinglehouse Borough,
13 Potter County, is designated the PVT Malon Stanley Memorial
14 Bridge.

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

18 Section 7. Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial
19 Highway.

20 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
21 follows:

22 (1) Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., of
23 Fayetteville, died while supporting combat operations in
24 Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on February 1, 2010, paying
25 the supreme sacrifice for his nation in Operation Enduring
26 Freedom.

27 (2) A 2008 graduate of Chambersburg Area High School,
28 Lance Corporal Freeman had served in the Marine Corps since
29 August 2008.

30 (3) Lance Corporal Freeman, a machine gunner assigned to

1 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary
2 Force in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, had been on his first
3 deployment in Afghanistan since October 2009.

4 (4) Lance Corporal Freeman was awarded the Purple Heart,
5 Combat Action Ribbon and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

6 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 1001 from
7 Memorial Road to Mt. Pleasant Road in Greene Township, Franklin
8 County, is designated the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman,
9 Jr., Memorial 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 8. Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial
14 Bridge.

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

17 (1) Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl, a native of
18 Shippensburg, lived most of his life a few miles from the
19 bridge over Muddy Run. He crossed over the bridge on Sunday
20 mornings traveling to church, spent many hours fishing with
21 his father along Muddy Run and cooled off in the stream with
22 his family during hot summer days.

23 (2) Private First Class Diehl graduated from
24 Shippensburg Area Senior High School in 1967. During high
25 school, he was a member of the wrestling team and active in
26 Boy Scout Troop No. 251.

27 (3) Private First Class Diehl honorably served his
28 country as a medical specialist with ~~the 25th Infantry~~ <--
29 ~~Division, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, Headquarters Troop~~
30 HEADQUARTERS TROOP, 3RD SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY, 25TH INFANTRY <--

1 DIVISION.

2 (4) On December 10, 1968, in Hau Nghia Province, South
3 Vietnam, Private First Class Diehl was killed when the
4 vehicle in which he was riding was struck by an explosive
5 device.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 533 over
7 Muddy Run in Southampton Township, Franklin County, is
8 designated the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial
9 Bridge.

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

13 Section 9. Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher Memorial Bridge.

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

16 (1) Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher, a native of
17 Chambersburg, served in the United States Army from April 19,
18 1943, to March 28, 1945.

19 (2) Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher was a highly
20 decorated veteran of World War II, having earned the Purple
21 Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, World War II
22 Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, European Theater of
23 War Ribbon with one star, Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge
24 with rifle bar and Glider Badge.

25 (b) Designation.--The bridge on State Route 1004 over the
26 Conococheague Creek in Greene Township, Franklin County, is
27 designated the Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher Memorial Bridge.

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

1 Section 10. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.