THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 759

Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN, JUNE 11, 2021

SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 22, 2021

AN ACT

- Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19033, on that portion of northbound State Route 119 over State Route 286 in
- White Township, Indiana County, as the Specialist Five
- 4 Timothy Rice Memorial Bridge.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Specialist Five Timothy Rice Memorial Bridge.
- 8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
- 9 follows:
- 10 (1) Specialist Five Timothy Rice left high school
- 11 several months before graduation to enlist in the United
- 12 States Army during the Vietnam War, later receiving his
- 13 diploma during a ceremony at his alma mater Marion Center
- 14 High School.
- 15 (2) Specialist Five Rice was a heavy equipment operator
- 16 for the 984 Engine Co. in Vietnam where he was injured.
- 17 (3) Due to his injuries, Specialist Five Rice earned two
- 18 Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star and other noble military
- 19 citations.

- 1 (4) While serving two tours of duty in Vietnam,
- 2 Specialist Five Rice contracted Agent Orange causing him
- 3 years of pain and suffering.
- 4 (5) Specialist Five Rice returned home after the war and
- 5 continued to work as a heavy equipment operator.
- 6 (6) With his wife, Specialist Five Rice owned and
- 7 operated Rice's Cafe and Store in Purchase Line for more than
- 8 25 years.
- 9 (7) Specialist Five Rice passed away on November 24,
- 10 2020.
- 11 (b) Designation. -- The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
- 12 19033, located on northbound State Route 119 over State Route
- 13 286 in White Township, Indiana County, is designated the
- 14 Specialist Five Timothy Rice Memorial Bridge.
- 15 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 16 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to

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- 17 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 18 Section 2. Effective date.
- 19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.