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House of Representatives commonwealth of pennsylvania harrisburg

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants

FROM: Representative Gary Haluska

DATE: August 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Legislation Designating the Bridge Carrying Bridge Street (State Route 4021) over Brubaker Run in the Borough of Hasting, Cambria County, as the Derek Lee Shanfield Memorial Bridge.

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would designate the bridge carrying Bridge Street (State Route 4021) over Brubaker Run in the Borough of Hasting, Cambria County, as the Derek Lee Shanfield Memorial Bridge.

As you may know, Derek L. Shanfield graduated from Cambria Heights High School in 2006 and joined the United States Marines in 2005 with his twin brother, Marine Cpl. Devin L. Shanfield. He was promoted to Sergeant in April, 2010 and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in May, 2010. Derek passed away on June 8, 2010, only two weeks after leaving to serve our country, at the age of 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Marines and is the first service member from Cambria County to die in Operation Enduring Freedom.

For his bravery, Sergeant Derek L. Shanfield was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terror Medal, the Purple Heart, the NATO Non-Article 5 Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

My legislation would recognize United States Marine Sergeant Derek L. Shanfield as a Pennsylvanian who dedicated his life and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Marilyn in my office via mjuran@pahouse.net.