

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Sid Michaels Kavulich  
**DATE:** September 28, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Legislation Designating the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (U.S. Business Route 6) Bridge in Carbondale as the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bridge

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I recently received a letter from the City of Carbondale requesting that the General Assembly name and dedicate the bridge over the Lackawanna River along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (U.S. Business Route 6) in downtown Carbondale as the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bridge.

After researching the history and accomplishments of the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry and the sacrifices of the soldiers within it, I felt humbled by what those who had served in the infantry had given over the years to secure and protect our freedom. You will find attached a copy of an act that documents the history of the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry. The units of this regiment date back to the American Revolution. Personnel of the 109<sup>th</sup> were, and are to this day, engaged in all wars of the nation.

Because of the sacrifices of its personnel, great differences occurred in both World War I and II. The service of the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the Battle of the Bulge is legendary.

For all these reasons and more, I feel honored to introduce legislation to name the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge over the Lackawanna River in downtown Carbondale as the 109<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bridge.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Debbie Wegert in my office at [dwegert@pahouse.net](mailto:dwegert@pahouse.net) or at (717) 783-4874.

Thank you.