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**DATE:** December 9, 2013  
**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Rep. Frank Burns  
**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsor Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Burns".

In the very near future, I will be introducing legislation that would rename a bridge in my legislative district to Trooper Joseph Sepp Memorial Bridge to honor a Pennsylvania State Trooper who lost his life November 10, 2002 while on duty. The bridge carries 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Windber Borough over State Route 56.

Joseph J. Sepp, Jr., was born August 23, 1968, in Wilkinsburg, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was raised in Windber and graduated from Windber Area High School in 1986. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in 1991.

He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police on February 24, 1992. Following graduation from the Academy on July 16, 1992, he was assigned to Troop F, Montoursville. In May 1995 he transferred to Troop A and served at the Somerset Station until October 1996 when he transferred to Ebensburg Station.

Trooper Sepp lost his life on November 10, 2002, about 38 hours after being shot by a fleeing suspect in a high-speed chase in Ebensburg.

Trooper Sepp is survived by his wife, Jenny; a daughter, Amanda Jo, and two sons, Joey and Andy. He is also survived by his parents Joseph and Lana Gay Sepp, and a sister, Tina Sepp, all of Windber. At 34 years of age, Trooper Sepp, a 10-year veteran of the Department, was the 89th member to be killed in the line of duty.

Please join me in honoring Trooper Sepp and his family. Thank you.