

OFFICER SCOTT L. BASHIOUM MEMORIAL BRIDGE - DESIGNATION

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An Act

Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 980 over the Chartiers Creek in Canonsburg Borough, Washington County, as the Officer Scott L. Bashioum Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 1. Officer Scott L. Bashioum Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Scott L. Bashioum was born January 27, 1964, to Leslie C. and Bobbette J. Dzaack Bashioum in Upper St. Clair Hospital.

(2) After graduating from Burgettstown High School, Mr. Bashioum joined the United States Air Force where he served during the Persian Gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(3) After 29 years of service, he retired from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant.

(4) In 2009, Scott L. Bashioum joined the Canonsburg Police Department.

(5) In addition to his career in law enforcement, Officer Bashioum also served as an assistant chief for the Slovan Fire Department, Company 18, where he earned lifetime membership honors.

(6) On November 10, 2016, at the age of 52, Officer Bashioum tragically lost his life in the line of duty while protecting and serving his community with the Canonsburg Police Department.

(7) At the time of his passing, Officer Bashioum was a seven-year veteran of the Canonsburg Police Department.

(8) The community also pays tribute to the following individuals, who were affected by and acted to help during the tragic events of November 10, 2016:

(i) Dalia Sabae, who lost her life while five months pregnant.

(ii) Officer James Saieva of the Canonsburg Police Department, and the partner of Officer Bashioum, who was wounded in the line of duty.

(iii) Officer Donald Cross of the Canonsburg Police Department, who risked his life to save Officer Bashioum and Officer Saieva.

(iv) Officer John Holt of the Cecil Township Police Department and Sergeant Matt Collins of the Peters Township Police Department, who both displayed incredible bravery during these tragic events.

(b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of State Route 980 over the Chartiers Creek in Canonsburg Borough, Washington County, is hereby designated the Officer Scott L. Bashioum Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.