

DESIGNATION - MULTIPLE DESIGNATIONS IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES

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An Act

Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1041 over the Mahoning Creek in Grant Township and Canoe Township, Indiana County, as the Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 286 over the South Branch Cush Creek, Montgomery Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19108, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Corporal Louis R. Tate Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19109, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, at the east end of the Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State Route 2024 and State Route 1016, also known as Monument Orviston Road, from the intersection of State Route 2024 and Main Street in Beech Creek Borough, Clinton County, to the intersection of State Route 1016 and Kato Orviston Road in Curtin Township, Centre County, as the CPL Milford H. Wensel Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 44 in Potter County as the Highway to the Stars.

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

Section 1. Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) SPC Christine L. Mayes was a native of Rochester Mills and a graduate of Marion Center Area High School.

(2) SPC Mayes enlisted in the United States Army following graduation from high school and served on active duty for three years in Germany.

(3) After her release from active duty, SPC Mayes continued to serve her country in the United States Army Reserve with the 14th Quartermaster Detachment, 99th Army Reserve Command in Greensburg. Her unit was activated in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

(4) SPC Mayes was killed on February 25, 1991, when an Iraqi scud missile destroyed a United States military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in the final days of the Persian Gulf War.

(b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of State Route 1041 over the Mahoning Creek in Grant Township and Canoe Township, Indiana County, is designated the Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 2. Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Sgt. Edward John Parada was born and raised in Montgomery Township, Indiana County, and graduated from Purchase Line High School.

(2) On August 27, 1970, Sgt. Parada was killed in action in Vietnam while serving with the United States Army Company E, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

(b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 286 over the South Branch Cush Creek, Montgomery Township, Indiana County, is designated the Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 3. Corporal Louis R. Tate Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Corporal Louis R. Tate was born on October 22, 1906, in Arcadia and attended Clymer High School.

(2) Corporal Tate entered the service on March 17, 1943, with the Hdq Company of the 304 Infantry Anti Tank Battalion, United States Army.

(3) On February 7, 1945, Corporal Tate was killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg.

(b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19108, located on Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, is designated the Corporal Louis R. Tate Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 4. Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg was born on October 1, 1988, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Clymer where he attended Penns Manor High School.

(2) Lance Corporal Twigg served his country honorably with the United States Marine Corps 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

(3) On September 2, 2010, Lance Corporal Twigg was killed in action in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

(b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19109, located on Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, at the east end of the Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, is designated the Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 5. CPL Milford H. Wensel Memorial Highway.

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

(1) CPL Milford H. Wensel was born on December 2, 1948, to Walter H. and Beatrice M. Wensel in Howard.

(2) CPL Wensel graduated from Lock Haven High School in 1966.

(3) In March 1969, CPL Wensel was deployed to Vietnam where he served with the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division as a half-track operator.

(4) On June 5, 1969, at 20 years of age, CPL Wensel was killed while going out at night for his half-track.

(5) CPL Wensel was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

(b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 2024 and State Route 1016, also known as Monument Orviston Road, from the

intersection of State Route 2024 and Main Street in Beech Creek Borough, Clinton County, to the intersection of State Route 1016 and Kato Orviston Road in Curtin Township, Centre County, is designated the CPL Milford H. Wensel Memorial Highway.

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

Section 6. Highway to the Stars.

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

(1) The International Dark Sky Preserve at Cherry Springs State Park is an attraction for professional and amateur astronomers and photographers, as well as others who have an interest in stargazing from one of the darkest places in the country.

(2) The visitor count to Cherry Springs State Park has been rising each year, and the ripple effect is being felt by regional businesses.

(3) Pennsylvania Route 44 passes directly through Cherry Springs State Park, taking travelers to a publicly accessible dark sky viewing field and amphitheater and a separate observation area for astronomers, professional photographers and others with specialized interests.

(b) Designation.--The section of Pennsylvania Route 44 in Potter County from U.S. Route 6 to the Lycoming County Line is designated the Highway to the Stars.

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

Section 7. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.