

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1431

Sponsor: SENATOR RAFFERTY

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "a" and inserting
2 that

3 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the period after
4 "Highway" and inserting

5 ; designating that portion of State Route 3078 and State Route
6 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route
7 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 as the Private
8 First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road; designating a
9 bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church
10 View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over Beaver Creek,
11 South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW
12 William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge
13 on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376,
14 Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble
15 Memorial Bridge.

16 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

17 Section 2. Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road.

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

20 (1) Private First Class Donald R. Gise, age 25, formerly
21 of Spring Grove Borough, York County, was killed in action on
22 October 4, 1968, while stationed in Mekong Delta, Vietnam,
23 while serving as an infantryman with the United States Army.

24 (2) Pfc. Gise was born on December 20, 1942, and
25 graduated from Spring Grove Area High School in 1960.

26 (3) Pfc. Gise was drafted into the Army in January 1968.

27 (4) Pfc. Gise was awarded the Bronze Star for his
28 service and his bravery.

29 (5) Pfc. Gise was survived by his wife, Linda Louis
30 Gise, whom he had married in 1963, and his son, Donald
31 Richard Gise, who was born 22 days after Pfc. Gise was killed
32 in action.

33 (b) Designation.--That portion of State Route 3078 and State
34 Route 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route
35 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 is hereby

1 designated the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road.

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

5 Section 3. PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge.

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

8 (1) PFC William G. Koontz of New Enterprise, was drafted
9 into the United States Army during the Korean War.

10 (2) PFC Koontz arrived in South Korea on March 25, 1951,
11 and along with other new arrivals was given only five days of
12 basic combat training before being sent to the front lines.

13 (3) Less than a month later on April 22, 1951, the
14 Soviet-backed Chinese Red Army launched a massive assault
15 against the United Nations and American forces. PFC Koontz
16 was on the front lines that day with Company E, 24th
17 Division, Eighth Army.

18 (4) Company E's location was soon overtaken by the
19 Chinese and PFC Koontz along with 13 other men hid in a cave
20 to avoid capture. After four days without food or water, the
21 men were forced to surrender.

22 (5) PFC Koontz and his fellow soldiers were taken to a
23 temporary prison camp, from which they started a month-long
24 march north to a permanent camp in North Korea. Many of PFC
25 Koontz's companions did not survive the journey.

26 (6) For 888 days, PFC Koontz endured the brutal
27 conditions at the Chong-song prison camp, living in mud-
28 walled huts without sanitation and surviving on a diet
29 consisting mostly of infested grain while forced into hard
30 labor.

31 (7) On August 11, 1953, PFC Koontz was released by the
32 Chinese and eventually returned home to Pennsylvania, where
33 he reunited with his family and lived a full life with his
34 wife, to whom he was married for over 50 years, two sons,
35 grandchildren and many other relatives.

36 (8) For his heroism and sacrifice, PFC Koontz was
37 awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater
38 Ribbon, the World War II Victory Ribbon and the Army
39 Occupation Medal (Japan).

40 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1005,
41 known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over
42 Beaver Creek, in South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, is
43 hereby designated the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge.

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

47 Section 4. TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge.

48 (a) Findings and declarations.--The General Assembly finds
49 and declares:

50 (1) Trooper First Class Blake T. Coble, a member of the
51 Pennsylvania State Police, passed away in the line of duty at

1 the age of 47, on October 4, 2012.

2 (2) Born in Pittsburgh on November 15, 1964, Trooper
3 First Class Coble was the son of Tom and Judy Clegg Coble.

4 (3) Trooper First Class Coble was a member of the
5 Pennsylvania State Police for more than 24 years, and he had
6 been attached to the Brighton Township Barracks for nearly 20
7 years.

8 (4) A beloved family member, dedicated police officer
9 and avowed community steward, Trooper First Class Coble
10 exemplified the best qualities of the human experience. He
11 generously gave of his heart and time to enhance the quality
12 of life of his family and community.

13 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 588 over
14 Interstate 376 in Chippewa Township, Beaver County, is hereby
15 designated the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge.

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

19 Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by striking out "2" and

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