

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1602

Sponsor: SENATOR SABATINA

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after
2 "Bridge" and inserting
3 ; designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of
4 State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township,
5 Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States
6 Marine Corps Bridge; designating the bridge on State Route
7 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the
8 Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State
9 Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz
10 Memorial Highway; and designating portions of Interstate
11 Route 176 in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Robeson
12 Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, as the Vietnam War
13 Veterans Memorial Highway, the Persian Gulf War Veterans
14 Memorial Highway and the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans
15 Memorial Highway.

16 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 13 and 14

17 Section 2. PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps
18 Bridge.

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

21 (1) PFC Frank Enzer Weiss, a native of Tanoma, served in
22 the United States Marine Corps G Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th
23 Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force.

24 (2) On March 18, 1968, PFC Weiss, 19 years of age, was
25 killed in action by hostile fire in Quang Tri Province, South
26 Vietnam.

27 (3) PFC Weiss was awarded the Purple Heart, National
28 Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam
29 Service Medal.

30 (b) Designation.--The bridge to be constructed on State
31 Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek in Rayne Township, Indiana
32 County, is designated as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States
33 Marine Corps Bridge.

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

37 Section 3. Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge.

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

3 (1) Abner Yoder graduated from Hegins High School in
4 1936, was active in his local church and played on the
5 Pitman's Farmers baseball team.

6 (2) On July 18, 1941, he joined the United States Army
7 Air Corps and rose to the level of Technical Sergeant by
8 August of 1943.

9 (3) During his time in the Air Corps, he traveled to
10 Australia, where he met his fiancée and joined a combat crew
11 which flew missions on a B-52.

12 (4) On February 17, 1944, the plane he was on with his
13 crew had engine troubles and attempted to return to the base
14 but stalled and crashed. The entire crew, including Abner
15 Yoder, was killed in the plane crash.

16 (5) Abner Yoder was 26 at the time of his death and he
17 was buried at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila, near
18 other fallen members of the Armed Forces.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge
20 Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, is designated as the Abner
21 Yoder Memorial Bridge.

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

25 Section 4. General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway.

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

28 (1) Carl Andrew "Tooey" Spaatz was born in Boyertown,
29 Berks County, on June 28, 1891.

30 (2) Drawn to aviation, after graduating from West Point
31 in 1914 and being commissioned as a second lieutenant in the
32 infantry, Mr. Spaatz studied at the Aviation School at San
33 Diego, California.

34 (3) Mr. Spaatz served with the 1st Aero Squadron as a
35 first lieutenant under General John "Black Jack" Pershing
36 during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico.

37 (4) After being promoted to captain in May 1917, Mr.
38 Spaatz served in France with the American Expeditionary
39 Forces during World War I and, as a fighter pilot, shot down
40 three German Fokker planes behind enemy lines, which earned
41 him the Distinguished Service Cross.

42 (5) Mr. Spaatz was promoted to major on July 1, 1920,
43 and during the interwar years he proceeded up the ranks of a
44 peacetime Air Corps.

45 (6) Mr. Spaatz was awarded the Distinguished Flying
46 Cross for commanding the refueling endurance flight of the
47 Question Mark plane from January 1 through 7, 1929, during
48 which the plane broke a record for sustained flight.

49 (7) After the United States entered into World War II,
50 in 1942, Mr. Spaatz was named chief of the Air Force Combat
51 Command and was sent to England to initiate the planning

1 stages for the United States Army Air Forces in Europe.

2 (8) Later in 1942, Mr. Spaatz was named commander of the
3 United States Army Air Forces in Europe.

4 (9) In 1943, Mr. Spaatz commanded the Twelfth Air Force
5 in North Africa where his forces played a pivotal role in
6 reducing Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps.

7 (10) In 1944, Mr. Spaatz returned to England and was
8 named the commanding general of the United States Strategic
9 Air Forces in Europe.

10 (11) In this role, Mr. Spaatz played a key role in
11 Operation Overlord, more commonly known as D-Day, by
12 directing the Allied aerial attacks covering the landings on
13 the beaches of Normandy.

14 (12) Mr. Spaatz also commanded the strategic bombing of
15 Germany.

16 (13) On March 11, 1945, Mr. Spaatz received a temporary
17 promotion to general and later was named commander of the
18 United States Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific where he
19 supervised the final strategic bombings of Japan, including
20 two atomic bomb missions.

21 (13) Mr. Spaatz was the only man of general rank or
22 equivalent to attend all three surrender ceremonies that
23 ended World War II.

24 (14) In 1946, Mr. Spaatz was named commander-in-chief of
25 the Army Air Forces, and in 1947 he was named the first chief
26 of staff of the newly independent United States Air Force.

27 (15) Mr. Spaatz retired from military service in 1948
28 and passed away on July 14, 1974.

29 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 562 in Berks
30 County from the intersection with State Route 73 in the Borough
31 of Boyertown to the intersection with State Route 662 at the
32 township line between Amity Township and Oley Township is
33 designated as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway.

34 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
35 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
36 traffic in both directions on the highway.
37 Section 5. Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway.

38 (a) Designation.--The section of Interstate Route 176 in New
39 Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Berks County, from the
40 Morgantown Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike at mile
41 marker 0.4 to mile marker 3.7 is designated as the Vietnam War
42 Veterans Memorial Highway.

43 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
44 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
45 traffic in both directions on the highway.
46 Section 6. Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway.

47 (a) Designation.--The section of Interstate Route 176 in
48 Robeson Township, Berks County, from mile marker 3.7 to mile
49 marker 7.0 is designated as the Persian Gulf War Veterans
50 Memorial Highway.

51 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

1 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
2 traffic in both directions on the highway.

3 Section 7. Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway.

4 (a) Designation.--The section of Interstate Route 176 in
5 Robeson Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, from mile
6 marker 7.0 in Robeson Township to mile marker 10.3 at or near
7 the intersection of U.S. Route 422 in Cumru Township is
8 designated as the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial
9 Highway.

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

13 Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "2" and
14 inserting

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