

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1856

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE W. KELLER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the period after
2 "Bridge" and inserting
3 ; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 53
4 over US Route 22, Cresson Township, Cambria County, as the
5 Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge; and
6 designating a bridge on Segment 80 of State Route 2015, along
7 Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street, Lilly Borough,
8 Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge.

9 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

10 Section 2. Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

13 (1) Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., was born in the
14 City of Altoona, Blair County, on September 5, 1947, and
15 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam
16 War.

17 (2) On April 3, 1967, Corporal Sherwood made the
18 ultimate sacrifice for his country. While on patrol, his unit
19 came under enemy fire and he was mortally wounded helping
20 load injured Marines into a medical helicopter.

21 (3) For his service to the United States Marine Corps,
22 Corporal Sherwood received the following medals and ribbons:
23 Paratrooper Wings, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense
24 Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Sharpshooter badge.

25 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Pennsylvania Route
26 53 in Cresson Township, Cambria County over US Route 22 is
27 hereby designated the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial
28 Bridge.

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

32 Section 3. Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge.

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

35 (1) A native of Lilly, Pennsylvania, 1st Sergeant Paul
36 E. Sweeney served in the United States Army during World War
37 II as a combat engineer trained in mine demolition and

1 setting booby traps with the 90th Infantry Division.

2 (2) On June 17, 1944, his ship, the USS Susan B.
3 Anthony, hit a mine, forcing the troops and crew to abandon
4 ship.

5 (3) On July 4, 1944, Sergeant Sweeney suffered injuries
6 when he was targeted by a German sniper with a percussion
7 grenade.

8 (4) Sergeant Sweeney earned the Silver Star due to his
9 actions in the vicinity of Kerling, France, on November 12,
10 1944, when he risked his life to lead a tank unit through
11 enemy fire to reinforce a patrol taking cover from heavy
12 machine guns, strategically deployed the tank unit to
13 eliminate the machine guns and advanced through intense
14 mortar and small arms fire to attack the enemy and capture 10
15 prisoners.

16 (5) In addition to the Silver Star, Sergeant Sweeney's
17 awards include the Purple Heart and the British Distinguished
18 Service Medal.

19 (6) On August 9, 2016, Sergeant Sweeney passed away at
20 the age of 96.

21 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Segment 80 of State
22 Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street,
23 Lilly Borough, Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney Memorial
24 Bridge.

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

28 Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by striking out "2" and
29 inserting