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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

No. 1431 Session of  
2017

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MILLARD, SAINATO, O'BRIEN, CAUSER, WHEELAND, WARD, MARSICO,  
FREEMAN, A. HARRIS, D. COSTA, SAYLOR, PETRI, DeLUCA, KORTZ,  
BARBIN, MICCARELLI AND MARSHALL, MAY 23, 2017

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SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
JUNE 21, 2017

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## AN ACT

1 Designating a THAT portion of State Routes 54, 901 and 2023 in <--  
2 Northumberland County and Schuylkill County as the Honorable  
3 Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway; DESIGNATING EXIT <--  
4 18 OF STATE ROUTE 43, KNOWN AS THE SEARIGHTS ROAD  
5 INTERCHANGE, IN FAYETTE COUNTY AS THE STAFF SGT. JOHN P.  
6 WANTO VIETNAM VETERAN EXIT; DESIGNATING EXIT 15 OF STATE  
7 ROUTE 43, KNOWN AS THE OLD PITTSBURGH ROAD INTERCHANGE, IN  
8 FAYETTE COUNTY AS THE LANCE CORPORAL RUSSELL W. NAUGLE  
9 VIETNAM VETERAN EXIT; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF  
10 STATE ROUTE 2003 OVER THE YELLOW BREECHES CREEK, SOUTH  
11 MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, AS THE SGT. ADAM C.  
12 SCHOELLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE  
13 ROUTE 18 IN WEST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, AS  
14 THE STAFF SERGEANT JAMES DOUGLAS MOWRIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;  
15 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 100 FROM THE  
16 INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND TILGHMAN STREET IN UPPER  
17 MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, TO THE INTERSECTION OF  
18 CLAUSSVILLE ROAD AND KERNSVILLE ROAD IN LOWHILL TOWNSHIP,  
19 LEHIGH COUNTY, AS THE CAPTAIN MARK T. RESH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;  
20 DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 18  
21 (COLLEGE AVENUE) OVER THE LITTLE SHENANGO RIVER, GREENVILLE  
22 BOROUGH, MERCER COUNTY, AS THE GREENVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL  
23 BRIDGE; DESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 3078 AND  
24 STATE ROUTE 3090 IN YORK COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH  
25 STATE ROUTE 116 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROUTE 3042 AS  
26 THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD R. GISE MEMORIAL ROAD;  
27 DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 1005,  
28 KNOWN AS CHURCH VIEW ROAD, SEGMENT 0180, OFFSET 0000, OVER

1 BEAVER CREEK, SOUTH WOODBURY TOWNSHIP, BEDFORD COUNTY, AS THE  
2 PFC/POW WILLIAM G. KOONTZ MEMORIAL BRIDGE; AND DESIGNATING A  
3 BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 588 OVER INTERSTATE  
4 376, CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, AS THE TFC BLAKE T.  
5 COBLE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

8 Section 1. Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) The Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., represented  
12 the 107th Legislative District, covering portions of  
13 Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Schuylkill Counties  
14 from 1981 to 2010.

15 (2) During his 30 years in the House of Representatives,  
16 Representative Belfanti served on numerous committees and was  
17 chairperson of the Labor Relations Committee from 1993 to  
18 2010.

19 (3) Representative Belfanti was active on numerous State  
20 boards and commissions and championed workers, small  
21 businesses, veterans and improved accessibility for the  
22 disabled.

23 (4) Representative Belfanti attended Mount Carmel area  
24 schools and was a lifelong scout, earning the rank of Eagle  
25 Scout in 1962 and returning to scouting as an adult as a  
26 charter member of Cub Scout Pack 3178.

27 (5) Representative Belfanti and his wife, Cecilia, were  
28 instrumental in bringing scouting back to the Mount Carmel  
29 area following a long dormancy, and Representative Belfanti  
30 received numerous awards during his 25 years of service.

31 (6) Before becoming a State Representative,  
32 Representative Belfanti enlisted in the United States Marine

1 Corps in 1967 and served a 13-month tour of duty in the  
2 Vietnam War with helicopter units that supplied troops,  
3 ammunition and medical supplies to Marines. His CH-46  
4 helicopters, known as Sea Knights, were also the major means  
5 for rescuing and providing medivacs for the wounded.

6 (7) Representative Belfanti rose to the rank of sergeant  
7 before being honorably discharged in 1971. Among his  
8 decorations were two Bronze Stars with Valor, the Combat  
9 Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam  
10 Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the  
11 Vietnam Service Medal.

12 (8) Representative Belfanti was active in numerous  
13 veteran organizations and cofounded the Black Diamond  
14 Detachment of the Marine Corps League, as well as a life  
15 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), AMVETS and  
16 Veterans of the Vietnam War. Representative Belfanti was  
17 named Veteran of the Year by the National War Veterans  
18 Council and also received the Patriot of the Year award.

19 (9) Representative Belfanti's legacy includes saving the  
20 former Shamokin State General Hospital from divestiture, the  
21 opening of State Correctional Institution Coal Township,  
22 resolving issues related to the Centralia mine fire, the  
23 Shamokin Creek project, championing numerous abandoned mine  
24 reclamation projects and helping with many rail improvement  
25 and economic development projects in the district.

26 (10) Representative Belfanti was also instrumental in  
27 securing funding for the State Route 901 widening project  
28 from Locust Summit to Interstate 81, as well as the Strong  
29 Connector improvement project.

30 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Routes 54 and 901 in

1 Northumberland County and Schuylkill County from the  
2 intersection of State Route 54, State Route 901 and State Route  
3 2023, also known as the Mount Carmel Merriam Highway, in Mount  
4 Carmel Township, Northumberland County, to the intersection of  
5 State Route 901, also known as Fairgrounds Road, and High Road  
6 in Butler Township, Schuylkill County, is hereby designated as  
7 the Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

11 SECTION 2. STAFF SGT. JOHN P. WANTO VIETNAM VETERAN EXIT. <--

12 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
13 FOLLOWS:

14 (1) STAFF SERGEANT JOHN P. WANTO SERVED WITH THE UNITED  
15 STATES ARMY, A COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY,  
16 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

17 (2) ON MARCH 21, 1970, STAFF SERGEANT WANTO WAS KILLED  
18 IN ACTION IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

19 (B) DESIGNATION.--EXIT 18 OF STATE ROUTE 43, KNOWN AS THE  
20 SEARIGHTS ROAD INTERCHANGE, IN FAYETTE COUNTY IS HEREBY  
21 DESIGNATED THE STAFF SGT. JOHN P. WANTO VIETNAM VETERAN EXIT.

22 (C) SIGNS.--THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION SHALL ERECT  
23 AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE EXIT  
24 TO TRAFFIC ON THE HIGHWAY NEAR THE EXIT.

25 SECTION 3. LANCE CORPORAL RUSSELL W. NAUGLE VIETNAM VETERAN  
26 EXIT.

27 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

28 (1) LANCE CORPORAL RUSSELL W. NAUGLE SERVED WITH THE  
29 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, C COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION, FIRST  
30 MARINE DIVISION, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.

1           (2) ON FEBRUARY 15, 1968, LANCE CORPORAL NAUGLE WAS  
2           KILLED IN ACTION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

3           (B) DESIGNATION.--EXIT 15 OF STATE ROUTE 43, KNOWN AS THE  
4           OLD PITTSBURGH ROAD INTERCHANGE, IN FAYETTE COUNTY IS HEREBY  
5           DESIGNATED THE LANCE CORPORAL RUSSELL W. NAUGLE VIETNAM VETERAN  
6           EXIT.

7           (C) SIGNS.--THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION SHALL ERECT  
8           AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE EXIT  
9           TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

10          SECTION 4. SGT. ADAM C. SCHOELLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

11          (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
12          FOLLOWS:

13                 (1) ADAM C. SCHOELLER WAS RAISED IN SOUTH MIDDLETON  
14                 TOWNSHIP AND GRADUATED FROM BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL IN  
15                 2008.

16                 (2) SGT. SCHOELLER SERVED HIS COUNTRY HONORABLY AS A  
17                 UNITED STATES MARINE AND WAS DEPLOYED DURING OPERATION  
18                 ENDURING FREEDOM.

19                 (3) ON JANUARY 14, 2016, SGT. SCHOELLER GAVE HIS LIFE IN  
20                 SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY WHEN HIS HELICOPTER COLLIDED WITH  
21                 ANOTHER HELICOPTER OFF THE COAST OF OAHU'S WAIMEA BAY.

22                 (4) SGT. SCHOELLER'S LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION AND BRAVERY  
23                 DISTINGUISH HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, EVIDENCED  
24                 BY THE NUMEROUS HONORS HE RECEIVED DURING HIS ENLISTMENT IN  
25                 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORP, INCLUDING THE NAVY AND MARINE  
26                 CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, INDIVIDUAL AIR MEDAL, STRIKE/FIGHT  
27                 AIR MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, SEA  
28                 SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON, MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,  
29                 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE  
30                 MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION

1 AND NATO MEDAL-ISAF AFGHANISTAN.

2 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 2003  
3 OVER THE YELLOW BREECHES CREEK, SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP,  
4 CUMBERLAND COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE SGT. ADAM C.  
5 SCHOELLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

6 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
7 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO  
8 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

9 SECTION 5. STAFF SERGEANT JAMES DOUGLAS MOWRIS MEMORIAL  
10 HIGHWAY.

11 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
12 FOLLOWS:

13 (1) STAFF SERGEANT JAMES DOUGLAS MOWRIS, A NATIVE OF  
14 ADAMSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES  
15 ARMY IN 1984 AFTER GRADUATION FROM CONNEAUT LAKE HIGH SCHOOL.

16 (2) OVER A PERIOD OF NEARLY 20 YEARS, STAFF SERGEANT  
17 MOWRIS HONORABLY SERVED HIS COUNTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE  
18 UNITED STATES ARMY AND WITH THE ARMY RESERVE.

19 (3) STAFF SERGEANT MOWRIS SERVED IN OPERATIONS IN  
20 LOCATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE, INCLUDING TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA,  
21 SOMALIA, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, KOSOVO, CUBA AND AFGHANISTAN.

22 (4) THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER OF STAFF SERGEANT  
23 MOWRIS ENDED ON JANUARY 29, 2004, WHEN HE WAS KILLED ALONG  
24 WITH SEVEN OTHER SOLDIERS IN AN EXPLOSION DURING THE CLEARING  
25 OF AN ENEMY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION CACHE IN GHAZNI,  
26 AFGHANISTAN.

27 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 18 IN WEST  
28 FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, FROM THE INTERSECTION  
29 WITH STATE ROUTE 322 TO THE CRAWFORD/MERCER COUNTY LINE IS  
30 DESIGNATED AS THE STAFF SERGEANT JAMES DOUGLAS MOWRIS MEMORIAL

1 HIGHWAY.

2 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
3 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO  
4 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

5 SECTION 6. CAPTAIN MARK T. RESH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

6 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
7 FOLLOWS:

8 (1) CAPTAIN MARK T. RESH, OF KILLEN, TEXAS, WAS A NATIVE  
9 OF FOGELSVILLE, LEHIGH COUNTY, AND A 1996 GRADUATE OF  
10 NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
11 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, MATH CLUB AND STUDENT COUNCIL AND WAS  
12 CAPTAIN OF THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM IN HIS SENIOR YEAR.

13 (2) IN 2001, CAPTAIN RESH GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY  
14 OF PITTSBURGH WITH A DEGREE IN ENGINEERING.

15 (3) CAPTAIN RESH SERVED AS AN APACHE HELICOPTER PILOT  
16 WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY, 4TH BATTALION, 227TH AVIATION  
17 REGIMENT, 1ST AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION IN  
18 SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

19 (4) ON JANUARY 28, 2007, NEAR AN NAJAF, IRAQ, CAPTAIN  
20 RESH PLACED THE HELICOPTER HE WAS PILOTING IN THE DIRECT LINE  
21 OF ENEMY FIRE SO THAT ANOTHER AIR CREW THAT WAS UNDER ATTACK  
22 COULD MANEUVER OUT OF DANGER. OVER THE NEXT 15 MINUTES, HE  
23 BRAVELY FLEW IN THE FACE OF INTENSE ENEMY FIRE TO SUPPORT THE  
24 COALITION GROUND FORCES UNTIL HIS AIRCRAFT WAS STRUCK BY  
25 ENEMY FIRE AND CRASHED, KILLING CAPTAIN RESH.

26 (5) CAPTAIN RESH WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART AND THE  
27 SILVER STAR FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN  
28 ACTION.

29 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 100 FROM THE  
30 INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND TILGHMAN STREET IN UPPER

1 MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, TO THE INTERSECTION OF  
2 CLAUSSVILLE ROAD AND KERNSVILLE ROAD IN LOWHILL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH  
3 COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE CAPTAIN MARK T. RESH  
4 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

5 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
6 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO  
7 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

8 SECTION 7. GREENVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

9 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
10 FOLLOWS:

11 (1) GREENVILLE BOROUGH, MERCER COUNTY, HAS BEEN HOME TO  
12 MANY COURAGEOUS MILITARY VETERANS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR  
13 FREEDOM.

14 (2) EVERY MEMORIAL DAY A CEREMONY IS HELD AT THE BRIDGE  
15 ON STATE ROUTE 18 (COLLEGE AVENUE) OVER THE LITTLE SHENANGO  
16 RIVER DURING WHICH THE GREENVILLE VFW DROPS A WREATH INTO THE  
17 RIVER IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN DEFENSE OF THE  
18 UNITED STATES.

19 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 18  
20 (COLLEGE AVENUE) IN GREENVILLE BOROUGH, MERCER COUNTY, OVER THE  
21 LITTLE SHENANGO RIVER IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE GREENVILLE  
22 VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

23 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
24 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO  
25 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

26 SECTION 8. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD R. GISE MEMORIAL ROAD.

27 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
28 FOLLOWS:

29 (1) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD R. GISE, AGE 25, FORMERLY  
30 OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH, YORK COUNTY, WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON

1       OCTOBER 4, 1968, WHILE STATIONED IN MEKONG DELTA, VIETNAM,  
2       WHILE SERVING AS AN INFANTRYMAN WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

3           (2)   PFC. GISE WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 20, 1942, AND  
4       GRADUATED FROM SPRING GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1960.

5           (3)   PFC. GISE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY IN JANUARY 1968.

6           (4)   PFC. GISE WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR FOR HIS  
7       SERVICE AND HIS BRAVERY.

8           (5)   PFC. GISE WAS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LINDA LOUIS  
9       GISE, WHOM HE HAD MARRIED IN 1963, AND HIS SON, DONALD  
10      RICHARD GISE, WHO WAS BORN 22 DAYS AFTER PFC. GISE WAS KILLED  
11      IN ACTION.

12      (B)   DESIGNATION.--THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 3078 AND STATE  
13      ROUTE 3090 IN YORK COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROUTE  
14      116 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROUTE 3042 IS HEREBY  
15      DESIGNATED THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD R. GISE MEMORIAL ROAD.

16      (C)   SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
17      MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE ROAD TO  
18      TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE ROAD.

19      SECTION 9.   PFC/POW WILLIAM G. KOONTZ MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

20      (A)   FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
21      FOLLOWS:

22           (1)   PFC WILLIAM G. KOONTZ OF NEW ENTERPRISE, WAS DRAFTED  
23      INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR.

24           (2)   PFC KOONTZ ARRIVED IN SOUTH KOREA ON MARCH 25, 1951,  
25      AND ALONG WITH OTHER NEW ARRIVALS WAS GIVEN ONLY FIVE DAYS OF  
26      BASIC COMBAT TRAINING BEFORE BEING SENT TO THE FRONT LINES.

27           (3)   LESS THAN A MONTH LATER ON APRIL 22, 1951, THE  
28      SOVIET-BACKED CHINESE RED ARMY LAUNCHED A MASSIVE ASSAULT  
29      AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS AND AMERICAN FORCES. PFC KOONTZ  
30      WAS ON THE FRONT LINES THAT DAY WITH COMPANY E, 24TH

1 DIVISION, EIGHTH ARMY.

2 (4) COMPANY E'S LOCATION WAS SOON OVERTAKEN BY THE  
3 CHINESE AND PFC KOONTZ ALONG WITH 13 OTHER MEN HID IN A CAVE  
4 TO AVOID CAPTURE. AFTER FOUR DAYS WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER, THE  
5 MEN WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER.

6 (5) PFC KOONTZ AND HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS WERE TAKEN TO A  
7 TEMPORARY PRISON CAMP, FROM WHICH THEY STARTED A MONTH-LONG  
8 MARCH NORTH TO A PERMANENT CAMP IN NORTH KOREA. MANY OF PFC  
9 KOONTZ'S COMPANIONS DID NOT SURVIVE THE JOURNEY.

10 (6) FOR 888 DAYS, PFC KOONTZ ENDURED THE BRUTAL  
11 CONDITIONS AT THE CHONG-SONG PRISON CAMP, LIVING IN MUD-  
12 WALLED HUTS WITHOUT SANITATION AND SURVIVING ON A DIET  
13 CONSISTING MOSTLY OF INFESTED GRAIN WHILE FORCED INTO HARD  
14 LABOR.

15 (7) ON AUGUST 11, 1953, PFC KOONTZ WAS RELEASED BY THE  
16 CHINESE AND EVENTUALLY RETURNED HOME TO PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE  
17 HE REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY AND LIVED A FULL LIFE WITH HIS  
18 WIFE, TO WHOM HE WAS MARRIED FOR OVER 50 YEARS, TWO SONS,  
19 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY OTHER RELATIVES.

20 (8) FOR HIS HEROISM AND SACRIFICE, PFC KOONTZ WAS  
21 AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE ASIATIC PACIFIC THEATER  
22 RIBBON, THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY RIBBON AND THE ARMY  
23 OCCUPATION MEDAL (JAPAN).

24 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 1005,  
25 KNOWN AS CHURCH VIEW ROAD, SEGMENT 0180, OFFSET 0000, OVER  
26 BEAVER CREEK, IN SOUTH WOODBURY TOWNSHIP, BEDFORD COUNTY, IS  
27 HEREBY DESIGNATED THE PFC/POW WILLIAM G. KOONTZ MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

28 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
29 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO  
30 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

1 SECTION 10. TFC BLAKE T. COBLE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

2 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS  
3 AND DECLARES:

4 (1) TROOPER FIRST CLASS BLAKE T. COBLE, A MEMBER OF THE  
5 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, PASSED AWAY IN THE LINE OF DUTY AT  
6 THE AGE OF 47, ON OCTOBER 4, 2012.

7 (2) BORN IN PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER 15, 1964, TROOPER  
8 FIRST CLASS COBLE WAS THE SON OF TOM AND JUDY CLEGG COBLE.

9 (3) TROOPER FIRST CLASS COBLE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
10 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE FOR MORE THAN 24 YEARS, AND HE HAD  
11 BEEN ATTACHED TO THE BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP BARRACKS FOR NEARLY 20  
12 YEARS.

13 (4) A BELOVED FAMILY MEMBER, DEDICATED POLICE OFFICER  
14 AND AVOWED COMMUNITY STEWARD, TROOPER FIRST CLASS COBLE  
15 EXEMPLIFIED THE BEST QUALITIES OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. HE  
16 GENEROUSLY GAVE OF HIS HEART AND TIME TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY  
17 OF LIFE OF HIS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

18 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 588 OVER  
19 INTERSTATE 376 IN CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, IS HEREBY  
20 DESIGNATED THE TFC BLAKE T. COBLE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

21 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
22 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO  
23 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

24 Section 2 11. Effective date.

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25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.