

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1579 Session of  
2015

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KNOWLES, WARD, GOODMAN, CALTAGIRONE, A. HARRIS, SAYLOR, MAJOR  
AND NESBIT, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 62 over the  
2 Allegheny River, Tionesta Borough, Forest County, as the Lt.  
3 Col. Michael McLaughlin/AMVETS Post 113 Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Lt. Col. Michael McLaughlin/AMVETS Post 113 Memorial  
7 Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--

9 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Michael McLaughlin was born and  
10 raised in Forest County, Pennsylvania, and graduated from  
11 West Forest High School.

12 (2) Lt. Col. McLaughlin was a resident of Mercer County,  
13 Pennsylvania, at the time of his death.

14 (3) Lt. Col. McLaughlin deployed to Iraq with the 2nd  
15 Brigade, 28th Infantry Division, as brigade effects

1 coordinator, his duties including coordination of all lethal  
2 and nonlethal fires.

3 (4) Lt. Col. McLaughlin's military awards include the  
4 Silver Star (posthumously), the Army Commendation Medal with  
5 three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal,  
6 the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the  
7 Field Artillery Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

8 (5) While courageously serving his country, Lt. Col.  
9 McLaughlin became the first field grade officer of the  
10 Pennsylvania Army National Guard to die in action since World  
11 War II when he was killed January 5, 2006, by a suicide  
12 bomber at an Iraqi police recruiting station in Ramadi, Iraq.

13 (6) American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 113 is a veterans'  
14 services organization with more than 100 members, including  
15 veterans from all services and conflicts and peacetime.

16 (7) AMVETS Post 113 honors all veterans and recognizes  
17 their unselfish service.

18 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 62 in  
19 Tionesta Borough, Forest County, over the Allegheny River is  
20 hereby designated the Lt. Col. Michael McLaughlin/AMVETS Post  
21 113 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 2. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect in 60 days.