

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2872 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY REED, DALEY, SOLOBAY, SATHER, DeWEESE, ADOLPH, BAKER, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, COHEN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARHAI, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, JAMES, LEDERER, LEH, MAJOR, MARSICO, MYERS, PALLONE, PAYNE, PERZEL, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SHANER, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, SONNEY, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 30, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 30, 2006

AN ACT

1 Designating Interstate 70 in Washington County as the Kilo Co.,
2 3/25, USMC Highway.

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

5 Section 1. Kilo Co., 3/25, USMC Highway.

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

8 (1) Kilo Company lost four Marines during its completion
9 of a seven-month deployment to Iraq from March through
10 September 2005. These Marines were: Corporal Bryan J.
11 Richardson, 23, of Summersville, West Virginia, KIA March 25,
12 2005; Corporal Joseph S. Tremblay, 23, of New Windsor, New
13 York, KIA April 27, 2005; Lance Corporal Ryan J. Kovacicek,
14 22, of Washington, Pennsylvania, KIA July 10, 2005; Staff

1 Sergeant Joseph P. Goodrich, 32, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
2 KIA July 10, 2005.

3 (2) While in Iraq the company participated in Operation
4 New Market, Operation River Sweep, Operation Sword and
5 Operation Tollbooth. Operation New Market was a sweep through
6 Haditha. During Operation River Sweep two platoons swept down
7 the Euphrates River about 40 kilometers searching for
8 insurgents and weapons caches. Several caches were found
9 during this operation. In Operation Sword, June 28 through
10 July 5, 2005, Kilo performed a complete sweep of the city of
11 Hit, Iraq. Upon completion of this operation they held the
12 city and set up firm bases. They maintained and held those
13 firm bases from July 5 through September 16, 2005. During
14 Operation Tollbooth they set up various random vehicle
15 checkpoints.

16 (3) Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment,
17 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, was attached to
18 Regimental Combat Team 2, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine
19 Expeditionary Force (Forward) while in Iraq. Approximately
20 150 Marines went to Iraq with the Reserve infantry company.
21 Many of the members of the company are residents of Western
22 Pennsylvania.

23 (4) Other assignments included: Kilo Company 2nd
24 Platoon held Haditha Dam for a period of time; one Kilo
25 Company squad provided support to Lima Company, also a part
26 of the 3/25 Battalion, in Haqlaniya and Barwana; and another
27 platoon participated in Operation Quick Strike in Barwana.

28 (5) It is fitting and good public policy to honor those
29 brave Marines and thank them for their sacrifices to preserve
30 freedom.

1 (b) Designation.--Interstate 70 in Washington County is
2 hereby designated as the Kilo Co., 3/25, USMC Highway.

3 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
4 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway
5 designated in subsection (b) to traffic in both directions on
6 the highway. These signs shall contain a reproduction of the
7 Kilo Company insignia.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.