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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 16, 2010

AN ACT

1 ~~Designating a portion of Route 8 in the Borough of Etna~~ THE ←
2 BRIDGES ON ROUTE 28 IN THE BOROUGHS OF ETNA AND SHARPSBURG,
3 Allegheny County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.
4 Novosel Memorial Highway BRIDGES; and making a related ←
5 repeal.

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

8 Section 1. Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel Memorial
9 Highway BRIDGES. ←

10 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and
11 declares as follows:

12 (1) On October 2, 1969, in the Kien Tuong Province,
13 Republic of Vietnam, Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.
14 Novosel, with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action
15 at the risk of his life and above and beyond the call of
16 duty, distinguished himself while serving as commander of a
17 medical evacuation helicopter.

18 (2) Chief Warrant Officer Novosel unhesitatingly

1 maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and  
2 defended enemy training area where a group of wounded  
3 Vietnamese soldiers were pinned down by a large enemy force.

4 (3) On six occasions while flying without gunship or  
5 other cover and exposed to intense enemy fire Chief Warrant  
6 Officer Novosel was forced out of the area and circled back  
7 from a different direction in order to extract friendly  
8 troops.

9 (4) Near the end of the mission a wounded soldier was  
10 spotted close to an enemy bunker. Fully realizing that he  
11 would attract enemy fire, Chief Warrant Officer Novosel  
12 attempted and extracted the soldier while being injured  
13 himself.

14 (5) In all, 15 extractions were performed in order to  
15 remove wounded personnel. As a direct result of his selfless  
16 conduct, the lives of 29 soldiers were saved.

17 (6) The extraordinary heroism displayed by Chief Warrant  
18 Officer Novosel was an inspiration to his comrades in arms  
19 and reflects great credit on him, his unit and the United  
20 States Army.

21 (b) Designation.--~~Route 8 in the Borough of Etna~~THE ←  
22 NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND BRIDGES ON ROUTE 28 OVER STATE ROUTE 8  
23 IN THE BOROUGHS OF ETNA AND SHARPSBURG, Allegheny County ~~is~~ ARE ←  
24 hereby designated as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.  
25 Novosel Memorial ~~Highway~~ BRIDGES in recognition of the Medal of ←  
26 Honor recipient.

27 (c) Signs.--Department of Transportation shall erect and  
28 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under  
29 subsection (b) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH BRIDGE SO AS TO BE ←  
30 VISIBLE TO ONCOMING TRAFFIC.

1 Section 2. Repeals.

2 (a) Intent.--The General Assembly declares that the repeal  
3 under subsection (b) is necessary to effectuate this act.

4 (b) Provision.--Section 9 of the act of December 9, 2002  
5 (P.L.1412, No.178), entitled "An act designating a portion of  
6 the Mon/Fayette Expressway, State Route 43, as the Yohogania  
7 County Courthouse Highway; designating the Mon/Fayette  
8 Expressway interchange connecting to Commonwealth Avenue and  
9 State Route 837 in the City of Duquesne as the First Sergeant  
10 Leonard Funk, Jr., Interchange; designating the Mon/Fayette  
11 Expressway interchange with East Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard  
12 in North Versailles as the Captain Michael John Estocin  
13 Interchange; designating an interchange of the Mon/Fayette  
14 Expressway with I-376 in Monroeville, Westmoreland County, as  
15 the Captain James A. Graham Interchange; designating the half  
16 interchange including only the westbound Mon/Fayette Expressway  
17 to I-376 and eastbound I-376 to Mon/Fayette in the City of  
18 Pittsburgh as the Lance Corporal William R. Prom Interchange;  
19 designating the Mon/Fayette Expressway interchange with Sixth  
20 Street in Braddock as the Ensign Henry Clay Drexler Interchange;  
21 designating the half interchange of the Mon/Fayette Expressway,  
22 including only westbound off and eastbound on movements, with  
23 Second Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh as the Corporal Charles  
24 E. Kelly Interchange; designating the interchange with Business  
25 Route 22 in Wilkins Township, Allegheny County, as the Staff  
26 Sergeant John Minick Interchange; designating the half  
27 interchange with access road connecting to Thompson Run Road in  
28 Penn Hills Township as the Chief Warrant Officer Michael J.  
29 Novosel Interchange; designating the interchange with Second  
30 Avenue at the north end of Glenwood Bridge in the City of

1 Pittsburgh as the Private First Class John 'Jack' Kelly  
2 Interchange; designating the interchange connecting Camp Hollow  
3 Road in West Mifflin and Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard  
4 (Richland Avenue) in Dravosburg as the Private Franklin J.  
5 Phillips Interchange; designating a section of State Route 1011  
6 in Clearfield, Cameron and Elk Counties as the Quehanna Highway;  
7 and designating the interchange, Exit 44, at Route 136 and Dry  
8 Run Road in Washington County as the Staff Sergeant Karl Gorman  
9 Taylor, Sr., Interchange," is repealed.  
10 Section 3. Effective date.  
11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.