

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1839 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY MIRABITO, EVERETT, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GABLER, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HESS, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MICCARELLI, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MULLERY, MURT, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PYLE, REED, ROCK, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, STABACK, STERN, SWANGER, TOEPEL, WATSON, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD AND QUINN, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

AN ACT

1 Redesignating Duboistown Bridge, connecting Williamsport and  
2 Duboistown over the Susquehanna River, Lycoming County, as  
3 the Lance Corporal Abram Howard Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Legislative findings.

7 (1) United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Abram L.  
8 Howard, from Williamsport, PA, was killed in action at 21  
9 years of age on July 27, 2010, Helmand Province, Afghanistan,  
10 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

11 (2) Lance Corporal Howard enlisted in the United States  
12 Marine Corps on April 9, 2007, and graduated in June 2007  
13 from Williamsport High School where he played football and  
14 wrestled.

15 (3) Lance Corporal Howard entered boot camp at Parris

1 Island, South Carolina, on January 8, 2008.

2 (4) Lance Corporal Howard was a third generation Marine  
3 and the 12th member of his family to enlist and serve.

4 (5) Following his graduation from Marine Combat Training  
5 at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Lance Corporal Howard  
6 graduated from Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood,  
7 Missouri, in September 2008.

8 (6) Lance Corporal Howard volunteered for deployment to  
9 Afghanistan in December of 2009 and made the ultimate  
10 sacrifice on July 27, 2010.

11 (7) While on a partnered patrol with Afghan National  
12 Police and the United States Marines, his team was ambushed  
13 and Lance Corporal Howard was fatally wounded.

14 (8) Without his judgment and decisive actions prior to  
15 the attack, the rest of his team would have proceeded  
16 directly into the enemy ambush, which would have ultimately  
17 wounded or killed other members of his patrol.

18 (9) For his bravery, Lance Corporal Howard received the  
19 Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with  
20 distinguished "V" device, Combat Action Ribbon, National  
21 Defense Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on  
22 Terrorism Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces  
23 Service Medal and NATO Medal.

24 Section 2. Lance Corporal Abram Howard Memorial Bridge.

25 (a) Redesignation.--The Duboistown Bridge located on Arch  
26 Street connecting Williamsport and Duboistown over the West  
27 Branch of the Susquehanna River, Lycoming County, is hereby  
28 redesignated the Lance Corporal Abram Howard Memorial Bridge.

29 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
30 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to

- 1 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 2 Section 3. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.