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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

No. 925 Session of  
2013

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 INTRODUCED BY P. COSTA, KORTZ AND CALTAGIRONE, MARCH 11, 2013
 

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 AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, OCTOBER 21, 2013
 

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## AN ACT

1 Designating each of the bridges that carry Lincoln Highway over  
 2 Electric Avenue, in North Braddock Borough, Allegheny County,  
 3 State Bridge No. 02 0030 0230 0001 and State Bridge No. 02  
 4 0030 0231 0000, as the AMVETS Memorial Bridge; DESIGNATING A <--  
 5 PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 662 IN RUSCOMBMANOR TOWNSHIP,  
 6 BERKS COUNTY, AS THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JARETT M. YODER  
 7 HIGHWAY; DESIGNATING A CERTAIN INTERCHANGE IN GREENE COUNTY  
 8 AS THE SERGEANT MICHAEL TODD MAY, ~~MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S~~ <--  
 9 ~~DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA,~~ INTERCHANGE; AND DESIGNATING THE  
 10 MURLAND AVENUE EXIT FROM INTERSTATES 79 AND 70 ONTO STATE  
 11 ROUTE 19 IN WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AS THE LANCE  
 12 CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK, USMC, EXIT.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. AMVETS Memorial Bridge.

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

18 (1) The North Braddock AMVETS Post 60 was granted a  
 19 national charter by an act of Congress in February of 1946.

20 (2) Throughout the years, AMVETS Post 60 has been  
 21 actively involved in and around the local community. AMVETS  
 22 Post 60 was a cosponsor of the annual community Memorial Day

1 parade, which started in the late 1940's and lasted until the  
2 early 1970's. Local fire departments, marching bands and Boy  
3 Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in the parade.

4 (3) AMVETS Post 60 helped sponsor the local little  
5 league, pony league and Boy Scouts and supported the local  
6 volunteer fire departments, EMS services and police  
7 departments.

8 (4) In the late 1970's AMVETS Post 60 took the lead in  
9 restarting Memorial Day observances with other veterans'  
10 organizations, and for the past 26 years has watched  
11 community involvement grow.

12 (5) Since November of 2008, AMVETS Post 60 has been  
13 holding a Veterans Day flag burning memorial service where  
14 American Flags are properly disposed of.

15 (6) AMVETS Post 60 in North Braddock continues to serve  
16 veterans and its community by offering a helping hand when  
17 the need arises.

18 (b) Designation.--The bridges that carry Lincoln Highway  
19 over Electric Avenue, in North Braddock Borough, Allegheny  
20 County, State Bridge No. 02 0030 0230 0001 and State Bridge No.  
21 02 0030 0231 0000, are each hereby designated the AMVETS  
22 Memorial Bridge.

23 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
24 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridges to  
25 traffic in both directions on the bridges.

26 ~~Section 2. Effective date.~~

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27 ~~This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

28 SECTION 2. JARETT M. YODER HIGHWAY.

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29 (A) FINDINGS.--

30 (1) JARETT M. YODER WAS BORN IN READING ON NOVEMBER 10,

1 1986. HE WAS A 2005 GRADUATE OF OLEY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL,  
2 WHERE HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETE IN MULTIPLE SPORTS. UPON  
3 GRADUATING, HE ENLISTED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD  
4 AND WAS DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ AS PART OF OPERATION  
5 IRAQI FREEDOM IN 2008 AS A MEMBER OF C COMPANY, 1-111TH  
6 INFANTRY REGIMENT, 56TH STRYKER BRIGADE. AFTER HIS RETURN IN  
7 2012, JARETT REALIZED HIS LIFELONG DREAM BY EARNING HIS WINGS  
8 AT ARMY AVIATION SCHOOL.

9 (2) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER WAS KILLED ON APRIL 9,  
10 2013, IN NANGARHAR PROVINCE, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN,  
11 WHEN THE AH-64 APACHE HELICOPTER HE COPILOTTED CRASHED FROM AN  
12 UNDETERMINED CAUSE DURING AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE WHILE HE  
13 WAS DEPLOYED WITH BRAVO COMPANY, 1-104TH ATTACK  
14 RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AS  
15 PART OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

16 (3) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER WAS POSTHUMOUSLY  
17 AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AIR MEDAL AND NATO MEDAL FOR  
18 HIS SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION, HE WAS AWARDED THE  
19 COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, COMBAT ACTION BADGE, THE  
20 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE STAR AND THE IRAQ  
21 CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE STAR.

22 (4) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER, THE HUSBAND OF  
23 HEATHER L. GARAY-YODER, WHOM HE MARRIED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS  
24 DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN, AND THE SON OF DIANE C. AND GARY  
25 L. YODER, DEMONSTRATED HIS COURAGEOUS COMMITMENT TO FAMILY  
26 AND COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

27 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 662 IN  
28 RUSCOMBMANOR TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP BORDER <--  
29 WITH THE BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD AND THE TOWNSHIP BORDER WITH OLEY  
30 TOWNSHIP IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JARETT

1 M. YODER 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 3. THE SERGEANT MICHAEL TODD MAY, ~~MONONGALIA COUNTY~~ <--  
6 ~~SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA,~~ INTERCHANGE.

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

9 (1) SGT. MICHAEL TODD MAY, A TEN-YEAR VETERAN OF THE  
10 MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS KILLED IN THE  
11 LINE OF DUTY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18,  
12 2012.

13 (2) SGT. MAY WAS KILLED WHILE INVOLVED IN A VEHICLE  
14 PURSUIT THAT HAD CROSSED OVER THE WEST VIRGINIA/PENNSYLVANIA  
15 STATE LINE.

16 (3) THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE RAMMED SGT. MAY'S PATROL  
17 CAR AS HE WAITED IN THE MEDIAN FOR THE PURSUIT TO REACH HIS  
18 LOCATION.

19 (4) THE DRIVER WAS CONVICTED OF THIRD DEGREE MURDER,  
20 HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE, HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING UNDER  
21 THE INFLUENCE AND MULTIPLE OTHER COUNTS.

22 (5) SGT. MAY WAS BORN IN MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, ON  
23 APRIL 2, 1970.

24 (6) SGT. MAY WAS A 1988 GRADUATE OF MORGANTOWN HIGH  
25 SCHOOL AND ATTENDED FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE  
26 PURSUED A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

27 (7) AFTER COLLEGE, SGT. MAY GRADUATED FROM THE WEST  
28 VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ACADEMY.

29 (8) SGT. MAY WAS EMPLOYED FOR A SHORT TIME WITH THE  
30 BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEN BEGAN HIS

1 CAREER WITH THE MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE  
2 HE WAS A LEAD ON THE SWAT TEAM.

3 (9) SGT. MAY ALSO WORKED AT THE EASTERN REGIONAL  
4 CORRECTIONS FACILITY AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE TAU KAPPA  
5 EPSILON FRATERNITY.

6 (10) MOREOVER, SGT. MAY SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
7 MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION.

8 (11) SGT. MAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RENEE; HIS  
9 PARENTS, FRANKLIN AND CATHERINE MAY; HIS BROTHER, FRANKIE  
10 MAY; HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW, CANON AND BRYIAR MAY; HIS AUNTS  
11 AND UNCLES; AND SEVERAL COUSINS.

12 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 79 AT MOUNT  
13 MORRIS IN GREENE COUNTY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE SGT. MICHAEL  
14 TODD MAY, ~~MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA,~~ <--  
15 INTERCHANGE.

16 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL INSTALL,  
17 WHERE IT DEEMS FEASIBLE, THE APPROPRIATE MARKERS DESIGNATING  
18 THIS INTERCHANGE AS THE SGT. MICHAEL TODD MAY, ~~MONONGALIA COUNTY~~ <--  
19 ~~SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA,~~ INTERCHANGE.

20 SECTION 4. THE LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK, USMC, EXIT.

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

23 (1) LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK SERVED DURING  
24 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 3RD  
25 BATTALION, 25TH MARINE REGIMENT, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, MARINE  
26 CORPS RESERVE, MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, ATTACHED TO  
27 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 2, 2ND MARINE DIVISION, II MARINE  
28 EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD).

29 (2) LANCE CORPORAL KOVACICEK DIED ON JULY 10, 2005,  
30 WHILE CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN HIT, IRAQ.

1 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE MURTLAND AVENUE EXIT FROM INTERSTATES  
2 79 AND 70 ONTO STATE ROUTE 19 IN WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
3 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK,  
4 USMC, EXIT.

5 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
6 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO INDICATE THE DESIGNATION UNDER  
7 SUBSECTION (A).

8 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

9 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
11 IMMEDIATELY:

12 (I) SECTION 2.

13 (II) THIS SECTION.

14 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60  
15 DAYS.