
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SAINATO, MURT, FRANKEL AND QUINN, MARCH 10, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 10, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge carrying State Route 119 over Big Run
2 Creek in Big Run Borough, Jefferson County, as the SFC Scott
3 R. Smith Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. SFC Scott R. Smith Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Scott R. Smith, formerly of Punxsutawney, born April
10 21, 1972, was 34 years of age at the time of death. He is
11 survived by his parents, Bob and Shirl Smith; his wife, Gari-
12 Lynn Smith; his brother, Shawn; his paternal grandparents,
13 Richard and Betty Smith; and his maternal grandmother, Louise

1 Vasbinder, all of Punxsutawney.

2 (2) Sgt. Smith was a 1990 graduate of Jefferson County
3 -Dubois Area Vocational-Technical School and Punxsutawney
4 Area High School. He joined the United States Army in January
5 1991 and served in Alabama, Arkansas, Italy, Maryland,
6 Florida, Washington, New Jersey, Alaska, Virginia,
7 Afghanistan, Kuwait and five tours of duty in Iraq. Sgt.
8 Smith specialized in law enforcement and explosive ordnance
9 disposal and was instrumental in the development and testing
10 of new weapons systems and ordnance, including the SWORDS
11 program.

12 (3) Sgt. Smith received numerous awards for his service,
13 including the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the
14 Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service
15 Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army
16 Superior Unit Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the
17 National Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional
18 Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas
19 Service Ribbon, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal, the
20 Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Medals, the
21 Iraq Campaign Medal, the Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal
22 Badge and the Combat Action Badge.

23 (4) Sgt. Smith died July 17, 2006, in Al Iskandariyah,
24 Iraq, where he was trying to defuse an improvised explosive
25 device (IED), when a secondary IED exploded, mortally
26 wounding him.

27 (b) Designation.--The bridge carrying State Route 119 over
28 Big Run Creek in Big Run Borough, Jefferson County, is hereby
29 designated as the SFC Scott R. Smith Memorial Bridge.

30 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

1 maintain appropriate signs at each end of the bridge to indicate
2 the designation under subsection (b) and shall include at a
3 minimum the following information: SFC Scott R. Smith Memorial
4 Bridge; 737th Ordnance Company (Army); KIA-Iraq-17 July 2006.

5 Section 2. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect in 60 days.