

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 2072** Session of
2014

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SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 4, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of County Line Road separating Montgomery
2 County and Bucks County as the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial
3 Highway; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 233 FROM <--
4 THE NORTHERN CORPORATE LIMITS OF NEWVILLE BOROUGH TO THE
5 CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY LINE AS THE SERGEANT
6 TIMOTHY L. HAYSLETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING A
7 BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF US 22/US 322 EASTBOUND OVER
8 INTERSTATE 81, SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, AS THE
9 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW RUFFNER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

13 (a) Findings.--

14 (1) SP4 Ronald Carlton Smith was a resident of Hatboro,
15 Pennsylvania, before enlisting in the United States Army on
16 December 6, 1967, at 23 years of age.

17 (2) SP4 Smith was assigned to Troop E, 1st Cavalry, 11th

1 Infantry Brigade, Americal Division of the United States Army
2 in Vietnam.

3 (3) SP4 Smith served as an Armor Reconnaissance
4 Specialist, gathering intelligence on terrain features;
5 scouting enemy force strength and locations; driving armored,
6 tracked and wheeled vehicles and engaging in tactical
7 operations against enemy troops.

8 (4) While valiantly serving his country, SP4 Smith was
9 killed by an explosive device on April 14, 1968, in the Quang
10 Ngai Province of South Vietnam.

11 (b) Designation.--The section of County Line Road separating
12 Montgomery and Bucks Counties from Maple Avenue to Easton Road
13 is hereby designated the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

14 (c) Signs.---The Department of Transportation shall erect
15 and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
16 highway to traffic in both directions on the highway.

17 SECTION 2. SERGEANT TIMOTHY L. HAYSLETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. <--

18 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
19 AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

20 (1) TIMOTHY L. HAYSLETT WAS BORN MAY 17, 1977, IN
21 WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA. HE MOVED TO NEWVILLE,
22 PENNSYLVANIA, IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY IN
23 1983. HE ATTENDED BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL IN NEWVILLE AND
24 ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1995 WHERE HE SERVED FOR
25 EIGHT YEARS.

26 (2) SERGEANT HAYSLETT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE HEADQUARTERS
27 AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 37TH ARMORED
28 REGIMENT, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AT FRIEDBERG, GERMANY. HE DIED
29 NOVEMBER 15, 2003, AT 26 YEARS OF AGE WHILE ON PATROL IN
30 BAGHDAD, IRAQ, WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE STRUCK HIS

1 HUMVEE.

2 (3) SERGEANT HAYSLETT WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART AND
3 THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HIS WOUNDS SUSTAINED IN COMBAT
4 AGAINST AN ENEMY OF THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS ALSO AWARDED
5 THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
6 THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR SERVICE MEDAL AND THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN
7 MEDAL WITH TWO BRONZE SERVICE STARS.

8 (4) SERGEANT TIMOTHY HAYSLETT, THE BELOVED SON OF GUY L.
9 AND MARY D. HAYSLETT OF NEWVILLE, PA, WAS COURAGEOUSLY
10 SERVING HIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AND HIS
11 EXCELLENCE AS A SOLDIER HAS BEEN EXTOLLED BY MANY.

12 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 233 FROM
13 THE NORTHERN CORPORATE LIMITS OF NEWVILLE BOROUGH TO THE
14 CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY LINE IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS
15 THE SERGEANT TIMOTHY L. HAYSLETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

16 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
17 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
18 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

19 SECTION 3. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW RUFFNER MEMORIAL
20 BRIDGE.

21 (A) FINDINGS.--

22 (1) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO) MATTHEW RUFFNER WAS A
23 RESIDENT OF SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY,
24 PENNSYLVANIA.

25 (2) CWO RUFFNER WAS A PILOT AND A SENIOR FLIGHT
26 INSTRUCTOR AT FORT INDIANTOWN GAP.

27 (3) WHILE BRAVELY SERVING HIS COUNTRY, CWO RUFFNER WAS
28 KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON APRIL 9, 2013, IN A HELICOPTER
29 CRASH.

30 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON US 22/US 322

1 EASTBOUND OVER INTERSTATE 81 IN SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN
2 COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW
3 RUFFNER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

4 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
5 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
6 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

7 Section 2 4. Effective date.

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8 This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~. AS FOLLOWS:

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9 (1) SECTION 3 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

10 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
11 IMMEDIATELY.