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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

No. 2072 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY MURT, HENNESSEY, MICOZZIE, MIRABITO, LONGIETTI, HICKERNELL, COX, COHEN, KIM, MUSTIO, MILLARD, TOEPEL, LUCAS, McNEILL, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, REED, BROOKS, GODSHALL, WATSON, HARHART, KINSEY, CALTAGIRONE, ROCK, GRELL, BAKER, HEFFLEY, DIGIROLAMO, D. COSTA, READSHAW, AUMENT, MARSICO, CLYMER, GROVE, D. MILLER, M. K. KELLER, GOODMAN, FARINA, GINGRICH, MAJOR, MAHONEY, GILLEN, METCALFE, MARSHALL, V. BROWN, FLECK, McCARTER, VEREB, EVERETT, KIRKLAND AND PASHINSKI, MARCH 10, 2014

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 17, 2014

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## 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 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 12 IN ALSACE  
 11 TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, AS THE SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF  
 12 (SEAL) LANCE M. VACCARO HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE  
 13 ON STATE ROUTE 3023, JOHNS ROAD, JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA COUNTY,  
 14 AS THE CLARA BARTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

16 hereby enacts as follows:

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

18 (a) Findings.--

19 (1) SP4 Ronald Carlton Smith was a resident of Hatboro,  
 20 Pennsylvania, before enlisting in the United States Army on

1 December 6, 1967, at 23 years of age.

2 (2) SP4 Smith was assigned to Troop E, 1st Cavalry, 11th  
3 Infantry Brigade, Americal Division of the United States Army  
4 in Vietnam.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (2) SERGEANT HAYSLETT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE HEADQUARTERS  
29 AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 37TH ARMORED  
30 REGIMENT, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AT FRIEDBERG, GERMANY. HE DIED

1 NOVEMBER 15, 2003, AT 26 YEARS OF AGE WHILE ON PATROL IN  
2 BAGHDAD, IRAQ, WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE STRUCK HIS  
3 HUMVEE.

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 3. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW RUFFNER MEMORIAL  
22 BRIDGE.

23 (A) FINDINGS.--

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

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

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

1 CRASH.

2 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON US 22/US 322  
3 EASTBOUND OVER INTERSTATE 81 IN SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN  
4 COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW  
5 RUFFNER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

9 SECTION 4. SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF (SEAL) LANCE M. <--  
10 VACCARO HIGHWAY.

11 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
12 FOLLOWS:

13 (1) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF (SEAL) LANCE M.  
14 VACCARO WAS BORN IN READING IN 1972 AND WAS RAISED AND LIVED  
15 IN ALSACE TOWNSHIP FROM 1973 UNTIL 1987, ATTENDING THE OLEY  
16 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

17 (2) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE M. VACCARO  
18 GRADUATED FROM OLEY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN 1990 AND AFTER  
19 STUDYING BRIEFLY AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY ENLISTED IN THE  
20 UNITED STATES NAVY IN 1991.

21 (3) AFTER SERVING ABOARD THE U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON  
22 AND U.S.S. KITTY HAWK, SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE  
23 M. VACCARO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S ELITE  
24 SEALS IN 1997 AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DEPLOYED ON OVERSEAS  
25 MISSIONS IN KOSOVO, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

26 (4) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE M. VACCARO DIED  
27 DURING A TRAINING MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2008.

28 (5) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE M. VACCARO'S  
29 AWARDS INCLUDE THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL,  
30 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL,

1 FOUR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS, TWO COMBAT  
2 ACTION RIBBONS, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, NAVY UNIT  
3 COMMENDATION, ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, KOSOVO  
4 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, IRAQ CAMPAIGN  
5 MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON  
6 TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL.

7 (6) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE M. VACCARO IS  
8 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOSEPH AND CHRISTINE L. VACCARO.

9 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 12 IN  
10 ALSACE TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE SPECIAL  
11 WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF (SEAL) LANCE M. VACCARO HIGHWAY.

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

15 SECTION 5. CLARA BARTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

16 (A) FINDINGS.--

17 (1) IN 1882, AFTER YEARS OF WORK, PIONEER NURSE CLARA  
18 BARTON'S ORGANIZATION, THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, WAS  
19 OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED.

20 (2) ON JUNE 5, 1889, APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE  
21 SOUTH FORK DAM BROKE IN JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, CLARA BARTON  
22 AND A GROUP OF RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS RODE THE TRAIN TO THE  
23 DEVASTATED TOWN TO HELP THE SURVIVORS IN ONE OF THE FIRST  
24 MAJOR DISASTER RESPONSES FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

25 (3) CLARA BARTON AND THE RED CROSS REMAINED IN THE TOWN  
26 FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS AND PROVIDED AID TO MORE THAN  
27 25,000 PEOPLE BY ESTABLISHING FEEDING STATIONS, BUILDING  
28 SHELTERS AND RENDERING MEDICAL CARE.

29 (4) CLARA BARTON CONTINUED HER WORK WITH THE RED CROSS  
30 HELPING OTHERS DURING TIMES OF DISASTER UNTIL HER RESIGNATION

1 IN 1904 AT 83 YEARS OF AGE. SHE DIED APRIL 12, 1912, AT 90  
2 YEARS OF AGE.

3 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 3023,  
4 JOHNS STREET, OVER LITTLE CONEMAUGH RIVER IN JOHNSTOWN, CAMBRIA  
5 COUNTY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE CLARA BARTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

9 Section ~~2~~ 4 6. Effective date. <--

10 This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~. AS FOLLOWS: <--

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

12 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
13 IMMEDIATELY.