
 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2072 Session of
2014

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

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 24, 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 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--; DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE <--
15 LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 1003, OLD YORK ROAD, OVER THE
16 PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE, IN FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, AS
17 THE STAFF SERGEANT GUY E. SHELLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE;
18 DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 51, KNOWN AS FLEMING
19 PARK ROAD, THAT INTERSECTS WITH CORAOPOLIS ROAD IN KENNEDY
20 TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, AS THE CAPTAIN SEAN M. RUANE
21 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE CROSSING THE
22 LACKAWANNA RIVER ALONG 8TH AVENUE, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S.
23 BUSINESS ROUTE 6, IN DOWNTOWN CARBONDALE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
24 AS THE 109TH INFANTRY BRIDGE.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

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

3 (a) Findings.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (1) TIMOTHY L. HAYSLETT WAS BORN MAY 17, 1977, IN
28 WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA. HE MOVED TO NEWVILLE,
29 PENNSYLVANIA, IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY IN
30 1983. HE ATTENDED BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL IN NEWVILLE AND

1 ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN 1995 WHERE HE SERVED FOR
2 EIGHT YEARS.

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

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

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

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

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

26 SECTION 3. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MATTHEW RUFFNER MEMORIAL
27 BRIDGE.

28 (A) FINDINGS.--

29 (1) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO) MATTHEW RUFFNER WAS A
30 RESIDENT OF SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY,

1 PENNSYLVANIA.

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

4 (3) WHILE BRAVELY SERVING HIS COUNTRY, CWO RUFFNER WAS
5 KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON APRIL 9, 2013, IN A HELICOPTER
6 CRASH.

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

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

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

16 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
17 FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

3 (5) SPECIAL WARFARE OPERATOR CHIEF LANCE M. VACCARO'S
4 AWARDS INCLUDE THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL,
5 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL,
6 FOUR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS, TWO COMBAT
7 ACTION RIBBONS, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, NAVY UNIT
8 COMMENDATION, ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, KOSOVO
9 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, IRAQ CAMPAIGN
10 MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON
11 TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL AND ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL.

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

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

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

20 SECTION 5. CLARA BARTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

21 (A) FINDINGS.--

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

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

30 (3) CLARA BARTON AND THE RED CROSS REMAINED IN THE TOWN

1 FOR MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS AND PROVIDED AID TO MORE THAN
2 25,000 PEOPLE BY ESTABLISHING FEEDING STATIONS, BUILDING
3 SHELTERS AND RENDERING MEDICAL CARE.

4 (4) CLARA BARTON CONTINUED HER WORK WITH THE RED CROSS
5 HELPING OTHERS DURING TIMES OF DISASTER UNTIL HER RESIGNATION
6 IN 1904 AT 83 YEARS OF AGE. SHE DIED APRIL 12, 1912, AT 90
7 YEARS OF AGE.

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

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

14 SECTION 6. STAFF SERGEANT GUY E. SHELLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

15 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
16 FOLLOWS:

17 (1) GUY E. SHELLEY WAS BORN IN HARRISBURG AND RESIDED IN
18 NEARBY NEW CUMBERLAND AT THE TIME OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE.

19 (2) STAFF SERGEANT SHELLEY WAS A GUNNER AND THE
20 ASSISTANT FLIGHT ENGINEER ON THE LADY BE GOOD, AN AMERICAN B-
21 24D LIBERATOR STATIONED IN SOLUCH, LIBYA. THIS SMALL DESERT
22 AIRSTRIP WAS ABOUT 34 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BENGHAZI.

23 (3) ON APRIL 4, 1943, THE LADY BE GOOD WAS ONE OF 25
24 BOMBERS OF THE 514TH/376TH BOMB SQUADRON OF THE UNITED STATES
25 ARMY AIR FORCES THAT TOOK OFF IN A SANDSTORM TO STRIKE
26 NAPLES, ITALY. THE 700-MILE MISSION BEGAN AT 3:10 P.M.

27 (4) THE LADY BE GOOD WAS THE ONLY B-24 THAT DID NOT
28 SAFELY RETURN AND, AT APPROXIMATELY 2 A.M., THE LIBERATOR RAN
29 OUT OF FUEL, AND HER CREW BAILED OUT SOME 440 MILES SOUTHEAST
30 OF SOLUCH.

1 (5) MOST OF THE NINE-MEMBER CREW SURVIVED THE CRASH AND
2 LIVED MORE THAN A WEEK WITH LITTLE WATER OR FOOD IN A DESERT
3 WITH 130 DEGREE DAYTIME TEMPERATURES AND NIGHTTIME
4 TEMPERATURES OF 35 DEGREES. EIGHT OF THE CREW TREKKED 85
5 MILES FROM THE CRASH SITE, WITH THREE MEMBERS, INCLUDING
6 STAFF SERGEANT SHELLEY, TRAVELING AN ADDITIONAL 20-PLUS MILES
7 IN SEARCH OF RESCUE. ALL CREW MEMBERS DIED IN THE DESERT
8 DESPITE THEIR VALIANT EFFORTS TO SURVIVE.

9 (6) WRECKAGE OF THE B-24 WAS EVENTUALLY DISCOVERED, AND
10 THE REMAINS OF STAFF SERGEANT SHELLEY AND HIS LADY BE GOOD
11 CREWMATES WERE RECOVERED 17 YEARS AFTER THE CRASH AND
12 RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR INTERMENT.

13 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 1003,
14 OLD YORK ROAD, OVER THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE, IN FAIRVIEW
15 TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE STAFF SERGEANT
16 GUY E. SHELLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

20 SECTION 7. CAPTAIN SEAN M. RUANE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

23 (1) CAPTAIN SEAN M. RUANE, A HIGHLY DECORATED COMBAT
24 VETERAN, WAS BORN OCTOBER 11, 1982, AND GRADUATED FROM
25 MONTOUR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2000 AND EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL
26 UNIVERSITY IN 2005.

27 (2) UPON GRADUATION, CAPTAIN RUANE ENTERED THE UNITED
28 STATES AIR FORCE AND BECAME A PILOT.

29 (3) CAPTAIN RUANE WAS DEPLOYED FIVE TIMES TO THE
30 BATTLEFIELDS OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

1 (4) CAPTAIN RUANE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 56TH RESCUE
2 SQUADRON AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE'S LAKENHEATH BASE IN ENGLAND.

3 (5) ON JANUARY 7, 2014, CAPTAIN RUANE PAID THE SUPREME
4 SACRIFICE WHILE SERVING HIS COUNTRY WHEN THE PLANE IN WHICH
5 HE WAS INSTRUCTING FELLOW AIRMEN CRASHED IN EASTERN ENGLAND.

6 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 51, KNOWN AS
7 FLEMING PARK ROAD, THAT INTERSECTS WITH CORAOPOLIS ROAD IN
8 KENNEDY TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE
9 CAPTAIN SEAN M. RUANE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

13 SECTION 8. 109TH INFANTRY BRIDGE.

14 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
15 FOLLOWS:

16 (1) THE 109TH INFANTRY REGIMENT CONSTITUTES ONE OF FOUR
17 REGIMENTS IN THE 55TH HEAVY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 28TH
18 INFANTRY DIVISION. UNITS OF THIS BRIGADE DATE BACK TO THE
19 AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND WERE ENGAGED IN ALL THE WARS OF THIS
20 NATION.

21 (2) THE 109TH INFANTRY TRACE THEIR ORIGINS TO THE
22 SCRANTON CITY GUARDS BATTALION, NATIONAL GUARD OF
23 PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH WAS CONSTITUTED AND ORGANIZED ON AUGUST
24 14, 1877. IT WAS REDESIGNATED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1878, AS THE
25 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. THE UNIT WAS MUSTERED INTO FEDERAL
26 SERVICE ON MAY 12 AND 13, 1898, AT MOUNT GRETN, A,
27 PENNSYLVANIA, AS THE 13TH PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
28 REGIMENT FOR THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR. THE UNIT DID NOT SERVE
29 OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT WAS MUSTERED OUT OF
30 FEDERAL SERVICE ON MARCH 11, 1899, AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

1 (3) ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1916, THE UNIT WAS MUSTERED INTO
2 FEDERAL SERVICE AT MOUNT GREYNA FOR SERVICE ON THE MEXICAN
3 BORDER AND WAS STATIONED AT CAMP STEWART, EL PASO, TEXAS. AS
4 BORDER PATROL OPERATIONS BEGAN TO CLOSE, THE UNIT CONTINUED
5 IN FEDERAL SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES ENTERED WORLD WAR I.
6 THE UNIT WAS DRAFTED INTO FEDERAL SERVICE ON AUGUST 5, 1917.
7 THE UNIT WAS CONSOLIDATED WITH THE 1ST INFANTRY REGIMENT,
8 WHICH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1777 AND IT WAS REORGANIZED AND
9 REDESIGNATED AS THE 109TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, AN ELEMENT OF
10 THE 28TH DIVISION. THE UNIT WAS MUSTERED OUT OF FEDERAL
11 SERVICE FROM MAY 17 THROUGH 20, 1919, AT CAMP DIX, NEW
12 JERSEY, AND RETURNED TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S CONTROL.

13 (4) THE SOLDIERS OF THE 109TH INFANTRY REGIMENT EARNED
14 THE NICKNAME "MEN OF IRON" FOR THE THREE-DAY DEFENSE AGAINST
15 OVERWHELMING ODDS DURING THE GERMAN ARMY'S CHAMPAGNE-MARNE
16 OFFENSIVE WHEN THE 109TH INFANTRY REGIMENT WAS ATTACKED BY
17 THE GERMAN 36TH DIVISION. A LATER GERMAN AFTER-ACTION REPORT
18 DESCRIBED THE BATTLE AS "THE MOST SEVERE DEFEAT OF THE WAR."
19 THE UNIT RECEIVED CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT FOR THE
20 FOLLOWING: CHAMPAGNE-MARNE, AISNE-MARNE, OISE-AISNE, MEUSE-
21 ARGONNE, CHAMPAGNE 1918 AND LORRAINE 1918. THE REGIMENT HAD
22 SUFFERED MORE THAN 100% CASUALTIES FROM THE TIME IT BEGAN
23 SERVICE IN EUROPE UNTIL THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE ON
24 NOVEMBER 11, 1918. FIGHTING WAS SO FIERCE IN SOME BATTLES
25 THAT IN ONE CASE, AN ENTIRE BATTALION WAS LEFT IN COMMAND OF
26 A SERGEANT. THE RED "KEYSTONE," THE SYMBOL OF THE
27 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BECAME THE PATCH OF THE 28TH
28 DIVISION. IT WAS THE SECOND OFFICIAL UNIT PATCH RECOGNIZED BY
29 THE WAR DEPARTMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE SYMBOL OF THE RED
30 KEYSTONE HAS BEEN WORN ON THE UNIFORMS OF PENNSYLVANIA

1 SOLDIERS SINCE THE 1870S.

2 (5) TEN MONTHS BEFORE THE JAPANESE SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL
3 HARBOR, THE 28TH DIVISION, INCLUDING THE 109TH INFANTRY
4 REGIMENT, RECEIVED ORDERS INTO FEDERAL SERVICE. AFTER THE
5 UNITED STATES ENTERED WORLD WAR II, THE DIVISION TRAINED
6 EXTENSIVELY IN PENNSYLVANIA, LOUISIANA, FLORIDA, ENGLAND AND
7 WALES. THE 109TH BECAME A REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM. IT LANDED
8 IN FRANCE AFTER D-DAY AND FOUGHT THROUGH NORMANDY, HELPED
9 LIBERATE PARIS AND BATTLED THROUGH THE HURTGEN FOREST OF
10 GERMANY. ELEMENTS OF THE REGIMENT LED THE DIVISION INTO THE
11 RHINELAND TO BECOME THE FIRST TROOPS TO INVADE GERMAN SOIL
12 SINCE NAPOLEON AND BECAME BITTERLY ENGAGED IN THE "WEST WALL"
13 OF GERMANY. THE 109TH INFANTRY PAID WITH HUMAN LIFE AND BLOOD
14 AS THEY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BATTLE HONORS: NORMANDY,
15 NORTHERN FRANCE, RHINELAND, ARDENNES-ALSACE AND CENTRAL
16 EUROPE. THEY ALSO RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DECORATIONS FROM
17 FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS: THE FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM,
18 STREAMER EMBROIDERED "COLMAR" AND THE LUXEMBOURG CROIX DE
19 GUERRE, STREAMER EMBROIDERED "LUXEMBOURG."

20 (6) THE MOST NOTEWORTHY OF THE 109TH INFANTRY'S
21 ACHIEVEMENTS DURING WORLD WAR II CAME WHILE THE REGIMENT
22 RESTED IN THE ARDENNES SECTOR, CONSIDERED A "QUIET" AREA,
23 EARLY IN DECEMBER 1944. AT THAT TIME, THE GERMAN GENERAL VON
24 RUNDSTEDT LAUNCHED THE VICIOUS, WELL-PLANNED BATTLE WHICH
25 BECAME KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. FOR ELEVEN DAYS THE
26 109TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM HAD FRUSTRATED THE OFFENSIVE
27 EFFORTS OF THE GERMAN 5TH PARACHUTE DIVISION AND THE 352ND VG
28 DIVISION TO SEIZE KEY TERRAIN AND ESTABLISH A FIRM SOUTHERN
29 DEFENSE LINE FOR THE MAIN OFFENSIVE THRUST TO SEIZE ANTWERP.
30 BY DECEMBER 23, 1944, THE 915TH VOLKSGRENADIER REGIMENT,

1 352ND VOLKSGRENADIER (VG) DIVISION, THE MAJOR FOE, HAD BEEN
2 ELIMINATED BY THE 109TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM AS A COMBAT
3 ORGANIZATION. ELEMENTS OF THE 914TH AND 916TH VOLKSGRENADIER
4 REGIMENTS ALSO SUFFERED SIZEABLE LOSSES. BY DECEMBER 25,
5 1944, EXCEPT FOR THE 2ND BATTALION, THE MEN OF THE 109TH
6 INFANTRY BEGAN TO PUSH BACK NORTH ACROSS THE SURE RIVER WHICH
7 THEY HAD SLOWLY BEEN PUSHED THROUGH THE PREVIOUS ELEVEN DAYS.
8 THEY HAD SUFFERED 1,174 CASUALTIES IN THE BATTLE IN JUST THE
9 MONTH OF DECEMBER, ALMOST 40% OF THEIR EFFECTIVE STRENGTH.

10 (7) THOSE OF THE 109TH INFANTRY ALSO UNDERWENT
11 MOBILIZATION FOR THE KOREAN WAR WITH THE 28TH INFANTRY
12 DIVISION, PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD, AS IT REINFORCED NATO
13 IN GERMANY IN 1950. SEVERAL PENNSYLVANIA UNITS SAW ACTIVE
14 SERVICE IN KOREA. ADDITIONALLY, FROM SEPTEMBER 2002 UNTIL
15 MARCH 2003, THE UNIT WAS MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION
16 JOINT FORGE IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. ON JANUARY 4, 2005, THE
17 BATTALION MOBILIZED AGAIN AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 2ND BRIGADE
18 COMBAT TEAM, 28TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) WHICH
19 DEPLOYED IN JUNE 2005 TO AL ANBAR PROVINCE, IRAQ, IN SUPPORT
20 OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

21 (8) SINCE THAT TIME, THE 109TH INFANTRY HAS PROVIDED
22 ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
23 DURING TIMES OF FLOODING AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS.
24 ADDITIONALLY, THOSE IN THE REGIMENT CONTINUE THEIR JOB OF
25 MAINTAINING THEIR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR NEEDED FUTURE
26 SERVICE. AMONG THOSE WHO SERVE AT THE 109TH INFANTRY
27 HEADQUARTERS IN SCRANTON ARE RESIDENTS OF CARBONDALE,
28 BERWICK, EAST STROUDSBURG, HONESDALE, MILTON, WILLIAMSPORT
29 AND OTHER AREAS OF LACKAWANNA, LUZERNE, MONROE, WAYNE, PIKE,
30 LYCOMING AND OTHER NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES. ALL OF

1 THESE WHO SERVE DO SO FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA
2 AND THE NATION AND STAND PROUD WITH THE MILITARY READINESS
3 ENTRUSTED THEM ACCORDING TO THE REGIMENT'S MOTTO, "CIVES ARMA
4 FERANT: LET THE CITIZENS BEAR ARMS."

5 (B) DESIGNATION.--BECAUSE OF THE GREAT HISTORY, SACRIFICE
6 AND COMMITMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE 109TH INFANTRY
7 REGIMENT, THE BRIDGE CROSSING THE LACKAWANNA RIVER ALONG 8TH
8 AVENUE, ALSO KNOWN AS U.S. BUSINESS ROUTE 6, IN DOWNTOWN
9 CARBONDALE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE 109TH
10 INFANTRY BRIDGE.

11 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
12 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
13 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE WITH THE INFANTRY'S
14 MOTTO "CIVES ARMA FERANT: LET THE CITIZENS BEAR ARMS" SHOWING ON
15 THE SIGN. ADDITIONALLY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH OFFICIALS
16 OF THE CITY OF CARBONDALE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ON PROPERLY
17 INSTALLING THE 109TH INFANTRY REGIMENTAL CREST WITH ITS MOTTO
18 "CIVES ARMA FERANT: LET THE CITIZENS BEAR ARMS" ON THE BRIDGE IN
19 THE FUTURE.

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

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

22 ~~(1) SECTION 3 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.~~ <--

23 (1) SECTIONS 3 AND 7 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS. <--

24 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
25 IMMEDIATELY.