

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1401 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY SCARNATI AND RAFFERTY, JUNE 2, 2014

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JULY 2, 2014

AN ACT

1 Renaming the West Chestnut Street Bridge in Coudersport Borough,
2 Potter County, as the Private Edwin Tubbs Memorial Bridge;
3 ~~and~~ renaming the State Route 872 Bridge near Coudersport <--
4 Borough/Eulalia Township Border, Potter County, as the
5 Specialist Donald Stiles Memorial Bridge-; DESIGNATING A <--
6 BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF S.R. 49 OVER THE COWANESQUE RIVER
7 BETWEEN DENNIS HILL ROAD AND CHURCH STREET IN HARRISON
8 TOWNSHIP, POTTER COUNTY, AS THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROGER P.
9 DOWNEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE; ~~AND~~ DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT <--
10 PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 56, PARTIALLY IN SEWARD BOROUGH,
11 WESTMORELAND COUNTY, AND PARTIALLY IN EAST WHEATFIELD
12 TOWNSHIP, INDIANA COUNTY, OVER THE CONEMAUGH RIVER AS THE
13 PFC. JAMES E. LUDWIG MEMORIAL BRIDGE-; DESIGNATING A PORTION <--
14 OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 263 IN BUCKS COUNTY AS THE OFFICER
15 BRADLEY M. FOX MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF
16 BUSHKILL CENTER ROAD IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AS THE VETERANS
17 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING A BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED
18 ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 903 OVER THE LEHIGH RIVER, JIM
19 THORPE BOROUGH, CARBON COUNTY, AS THE SGT. ANDREW J. "AJ"
20 BADDICK MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. Private Edwin Tubbs Memorial Bridge.

24 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares that:

25 (1) Private Edwin Franklin Tubbs left Coudersport High

26 School in August of 1967 and entered into the United States

1 Army.

2 (2) Private Tubbs deployed to Vietnam with D Company,
3 Sixth Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, Ninth Infantry
4 Division on December 4, 1968, and was stationed at Dinh
5 Tuong, South Vietnam.

6 (3) On January 12, 1969, Private Tubbs was fatally
7 wounded as he set down his rifle to assist a fellow soldier
8 who was injured on the battlefield.

9 (4) During his service in the United States Army Private
10 Tubbs received the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

11 (b) Change of name.--The bridge in Coudersport Borough,
12 Potter County, known as the West Chestnut Street Bridge is
13 hereby renamed the Private Edwin Tubbs Memorial Bridge.

14 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
15 maintain appropriate signs displaying the changed name of the
16 bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.
17 Section 2. Specialist Donald Stiles Memorial Bridge.

18 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares that:

19 (1) Specialist Donald Stiles enlisted in the United
20 States Army at 17 years of age.

21 (2) Specialist Stiles was deployed to Vietnam as an
22 atomic demolition munitions specialist, with A Battery, First
23 Battalion, Seventh Artillery, First Infantry Division.

24 (3) On April 2, 1968, Specialist Stiles was killed in
25 action in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam, after taking a
26 fellow soldier's place on a mission and being hit by bomb
27 fragments from a land mine.

28 (b) Change of name.--The State Route 872 Bridge near
29 Coudersport Borough/Eulalia Township Border, Potter County, is
30 hereby renamed the Specialist Donald Stiles Memorial Bridge.

1 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
2 maintain appropriate signs displaying the changed name of the
3 bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

4 SECTION 3. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROGER P. DOWNEY BRIDGE. <--

5 (A) FINDINGS.--

6 (1) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (PFC) ROGER P. DOWNEY WAS BORN
7 ON JANUARY 20, 1926 AND GREW UP ON A SMALL FARM IN ULYSSES,
8 PENNSYLVANIA.

9 (2) WHILE A TEENAGER, PFC DOWNEY WOULD USE THE BRIDGE ON
10 THAT PORTION OF S.R. 49 OVER THE COWANESQUE RIVER TO ATTEND
11 HARRISON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN MILLS, PENNSYLVANIA.

12 (3) WHILE THIS NATION WAS IN THE MIDST OF WORLD WAR II,
13 PFC DOWNEY LEFT SCHOOL TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES ARMY ON
14 APRIL 19, 1944.

15 (4) AFTER INFANTRY TRAINING IN VIRGINIA AND OTHER PARTS
16 OF THE NATION, PFC DOWNEY TRAVELED TO MASSACHUSETTS FOR
17 STAGING BEFORE BEING TRANSPORTED ON THE SS MARINE RAVEN TO
18 ENGLAND IN NOVEMBER 1944.

19 (5) IN JANUARY 1945, PFC DOWNEY AND HIS UNIT WERE SENT
20 TO REINFORCE AND RELIEVE UNITS ENGAGED IN THE FAMOUS BATTLE
21 OF THE BULGE IN THE ARDENNES FOREST OF BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG
22 AND GERMANY.

23 (6) PFC DOWNEY WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN GERMANY ON MARCH
24 9, 1945, WHILE ASSIGNED TO COMPANY B, 417 INFANTRY REGIMENT,
25 76 INFANTRY DIVISION, XII CORP, THIRD ARMY, TWELFTH ARMY
26 GROUP, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERED IN THE
27 TOWN OF SPEICHER IN THE RHINELAND REGION OF GERMANY.

28 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON S.R. 49 OVER THE
29 COWANESQUE RIVER BETWEEN DENNIS HILL ROAD AND CHURCH STREET IN
30 HARRISON TOWNSHIP, POTTER COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE

1 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROGER P. DOWNEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

5 SECTION 4. PFC. JAMES E. LUDWIG MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

6 (A) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 56,
7 PARTIALLY IN SEWARD BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, AND PARTIALLY
8 IN EAST WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP, INDIANA COUNTY, OVER THE CONEMAUGH
9 RIVER, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE PFC. JAMES E. LUDWIG MEMORIAL
10 BRIDGE.

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

14 SECTION 5. OFFICER BRADLEY M. FOX MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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15 (A) FINDINGS.--

16 (1) POLICE OFFICER BRADLEY M. FOX, A NATIVE OF
17 GILBERTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1977.

18 (2) OFFICER FOX GRADUATED FROM WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH
19 SCHOOL IN WARMINSTER, PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE WAS A TALENTED
20 HOCKEY PLAYER.

21 (3) OFFICER FOX HAD A DISTINGUISHED TEN-YEAR CAREER IN
22 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, WHERE HE COMPLETED TWO TOURS
23 OF DUTY IN IRAQ (2003) AND AFGHANISTAN (2005-2006) AND EARNED
24 THE RANK OF STAFF SERGEANT.

25 (4) OFFICER FOX'S MILITARY CITATIONS INCLUDE THE NAVY
26 AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, COMBAT ACTION RIBBON,
27 NAVY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, SELECTED MARINE CORPS
28 RESERVE (X3) MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, IRAQ
29 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL,
30 NAVY SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON AND THE ARMED FORCES

1 RESERVE MEDAL.

2 (5) OFFICER FOX WAS A SEVEN-YEAR VETERAN OF THE PLYMOUTH
3 TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND A GRADUATE OF THE PHILADELPHIA
4 POLICE CANINE ACADEMY.

5 (6) OFFICER FOX WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON
6 SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, WHEN HE AND HIS K-9 PARTNER, JAKE, WERE
7 AMBUSHED BY A SUSPECT THEY HAD BEEN PURSUING ON FOOT.

8 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 263 IN
9 BUCKS COUNTY FROM WEST STREET ROAD (ROUTE 132) TO WEST BRISTOL
10 ROAD IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE OFFICER BRADLEY M. FOX MEMORIAL
11 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 6. VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

16 (A) FINDINGS.--

17 (1) RESIDENTS OF BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
18 HAVE FOUGHT IN EVERY MILITARY CONFLICT, INCLUDING WORLD WAR
19 II, THE KOREAN WAR, THE VIETNAM WAR, OPERATIONS DESERT STORM
20 AND DESERT SHIELD AND THE RECENT CONFLICTS IN IRAQ AND
21 AFGHANISTAN.

22 (2) HUNDREDS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE MADE
23 UNIMAGINABLE AND INNUMERABLE SACRIFICES IN DEFENSE OF THE
24 UNITED STATES.

25 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF BUSHKILL CENTER ROAD IN
26 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FROM STATE ROUTE 512 TO JACOBSBURG ROAD IS
27 HEREBY DESIGNATED THE VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

1 SECTION 7. SGT. ANDREW J. "AJ" BADDICK MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

2 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
3 FOLLOWS:

4 (1) SGT. ANDREW J. "AJ" BADDICK WAS A NATIVE OF JIM
5 THORPE, CARBON COUNTY, AND A 1997 GRADUATE OF JIM THORPE AREA
6 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

7 (2) SGT. BADDICK ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN
8 1999 AND GRADUATED FROM JUMP SCHOOL AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA,
9 ON FEBRUARY 14, 2001.

10 (3) LATER THAT SAME YEAR, SGT. BADDICK REENLISTED IN THE
11 UNITED STATES ARMY FOR SIX YEARS.

12 (4) IN 2002, SGT. BADDICK WAS AWARDED THE ARMY
13 COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS
14 A DISMOUNTED INFANTRYMAN IN RECOGNITION OF LOYALTY AND
15 COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE.

16 (5) LATER THAT SAME YEAR, SGT. BADDICK WAS DEPLOYED TO
17 AFGHANISTAN AS PART OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

18 (6) SGT. BADDICK RECEIVED THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL WHICH IS
19 AWARDED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO,
20 WHILE SERVING IN ANY CAPACITY WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY,
21 DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF BY HEROISM NOT INVOLVING ACTUAL
22 CONFLICT WITH AN ENEMY.

23 (7) SGT. BADDICK WAS HONORABLY SERVING HIS COUNTRY WHILE
24 ON ACTIVE DUTY IN IRAQ ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2003, WHEN HE GAVE
25 HIS LIFE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE A FELLOW SOLDIER FROM A
26 SUBMERGED MILITARY VEHICLE.

27 (8) SGT. BADDICK, BELOVED SON OF ANN CALLEN BADDICK AND
28 JOSEPH BADDICK, WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR.

29 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON STATE
30 ROUTE 903 OVER THE LEHIGH RIVER IN JIM THORPE BOROUGH, CARBON

1 COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE SGT. ANDREW J. "AJ" BADDICK
2 MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

6 Section ~~3~~ 5 8. Effective date.

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7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.