

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 179 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, CUTLER, READSHAW, COHEN, DUSH, SONNEY,
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 SCHWEYER, BAKER, COX, KIM, HICKERNELL, HAHN, BARRAR, TOEPEL,
 JOZWIAK, MAJOR, DRISCOLL, MARSHALL, GABLER, SAINATO, FARINA,
 MARSICO, DeLUCA, DEASY AND TALLMAN, JANUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 88 over Muddy
 2 Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army
 3 Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial
 7 Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
 9 follows:

10 (1) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., was born on March 31,
 11 1973, in Waynesburg.

12 (2) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., enlisted in the United
 13 States Army and completed basic training in June 1992.

14 (3) Corporal Kowalewski was later assigned to the 3rd
 15 Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

16 (4) As part of a United Nations peace keeping operation,

1 Corporal Kowalewski was deployed to Somalia in August 1993.

2 (5) On October 3, 1993, Corporal Kowalewski, along with
3 17 other men, were killed in the Battle of Mogadishu. During
4 the battle, a group of Somalis, armed with automatic weapons
5 and rocket-propelled grenades, ambushed Corporal Kowalewski's
6 convoy while in route to rescue downed pilots of a Black Hawk
7 helicopter.

8 (6) The encounter has been described as one of our
9 country's most violent firefights since Vietnam. The battle
10 was later depicted in the famous novel and movie "Black Hawk
11 Down."

12 (7) For his heroic actions during battle, Corporal
13 Kowalewski was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and
14 the Purple Heart.

15 (b) Designation.--The Bridge located on S.R. 88 in
16 Cumberland Township, Greene County, Section Q10, Segment
17 0300/0000, Structure Number S-31843, over Muddy Creek is hereby
18 designated the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr.,
19 Memorial Bridge.

20 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
21 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the
22 bridge designated in subsection (b).

23 Section 2. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.