

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1402 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, COX, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, GREINER, CALTAGIRONE, DONATUCCI, LONGIETTI, HICKERNELL, BAKER, RYAN, ROZZI, SAINATO, O'NEILL, BARRAR, PICKETT, HAHN, MILLARD, TOEPEL, KINSEY, RAPP, MURT, WARD, MARSICO, DIGIROLAMO, GROVE, A. HARRIS, SCHWEYER, OBERLANDER, D. COSTA, DEASY, PETRI, WHEELAND AND GILLEN, MAY 18, 2017

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 1001 in Greene Township,
2 Franklin County, as the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman,
3 Jr., Memorial Highway; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION <--
4 OF STATE ROUTE 533 OVER MUDDY RUN, SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP,
5 FRANKLIN COUNTY, AS THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANA EDWARD DIEHL
6 MEMORIAL BRIDGE; AND DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF
7 STATE ROUTE 1004 OVER THE CONOCOCHIEGUE CREEK, GREENE
8 TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, AS THE PRIVATE CHARLES W. "BILL"
9 ROHER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

12 Section 1. Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial
13 Highway.

14 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
15 follows:

16 (1) Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., of
17 Fayetteville, died while supporting combat operations in
18 Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on February 1, 2010, paying
19 the supreme sacrifice for his nation in Operation Enduring

1 Freedom.

2 (2) A 2008 graduate of Chambersburg Area High School,
3 Lance Corporal Freeman had served in the Marine Corps since
4 August 2008.

5 (3) Lance Corporal Freeman, a machine gunner assigned to
6 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary
7 Force in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, had been on his first
8 deployment in Afghanistan since October 2009.

9 (4) Lance Corporal Freeman was awarded the Purple Heart,
10 Combat Action Ribbon and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

11 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 1001 from
12 Memorial Road to Mt. Pleasant Road in Greene Township, Franklin
13 County, is designated the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman,
14 Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

18 SECTION 2. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANA EDWARD DIEHL MEMORIAL
19 BRIDGE. <--

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

22 (1) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANA EDWARD DIEHL, A NATIVE OF
23 SHIPPENSBURG, LIVED MOST OF HIS LIFE A FEW MILES FROM THE
24 BRIDGE OVER MUDDY RUN. HE CROSSED OVER THE BRIDGE ON SUNDAY
25 MORNINGS TRAVELING TO CHURCH, SPENT MANY HOURS FISHING WITH
26 HIS FATHER ALONG MUDDY RUN AND COOLED OFF IN THE STREAM WITH
27 HIS FAMILY DURING HOT SUMMER DAYS.

28 (2) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DIEHL GRADUATED FROM
29 SHIPPENSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967. DURING HIGH
30 SCHOOL, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WRESTLING TEAM AND ACTIVE IN

1 BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 251.

2 (3) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DIEHL HONORABLY SERVED HIS
3 COUNTRY AS A MEDICAL SPECIALIST WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY
4 DIVISION, 3RD SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY, HEADQUARTERS TROOP.

5 (4) ON DECEMBER 10, 1968, IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, SOUTH
6 VIETNAM, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DIEHL WAS KILLED WHEN THE
7 VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING WAS STRUCK BY AN EXPLOSIVE
8 DEVICE.

9 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 533 OVER
10 MUDDY RUN IN SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IS
11 DESIGNATED THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANA EDWARD DIEHL MEMORIAL
12 BRIDGE.

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

16 SECTION 3. PRIVATE CHARLES W. "BILL" ROHER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

19 (1) PRIVATE CHARLES W. "BILL" ROHER, A NATIVE OF
20 CHAMBERSBURG, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM APRIL 19,
21 1943, TO MARCH 28, 1945.

22 (2) PRIVATE CHARLES W. "BILL" ROHER WAS A HIGHLY
23 DECORATED VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, HAVING EARNED THE PURPLE
24 HEART, BRONZE STAR, COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE, WORLD WAR II
25 VICTORY MEDAL, AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, EUROPEAN THEATER OF
26 WAR RIBBON WITH ONE STAR, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, MARKSMAN BADGE
27 WITH RIFLE BAR AND GLIDER BADGE.

28 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE ON STATE ROUTE 1004 OVER THE
29 CONOCOCHIEGUE CREEK IN GREENE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, IS
30 DESIGNATED THE PRIVATE CHARLES W. "BILL" ROHER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

4 Section 2 4. Effective date.

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5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.