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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

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NEILSON, GROVE, GILLEN, WHEELAND, BENNINGHOFF, DEASY,  
PHILLIPS-HILL, WATSON, BARBIN AND GABLER, JUNE 22, 2017

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SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
OCTOBER 25, 2017

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## AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over  
2 the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam  
3 Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor  
4 Memorial Bridge; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON <--  
5 THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 119 OVER THE PINE RUN CREEK,  
6 RAYNE TOWNSHIP, INDIANA COUNTY, AS THE PFC FRANK ENZER WEISS  
7 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BRIDGE; DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE ON  
8 STATE ROUTE 125 BEFORE RIDGE ROAD IN PITMAN, SCHUYLKILL  
9 COUNTY, AS THE ABNER YODER MEMORIAL BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A  
10 PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 562 IN BERKS COUNTY AS THE GENERAL  
11 CARL A. SPAATZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF  
12 INTERSTATE ROUTE 176 IN NEW MORGAN BOROUGH, CAERNARVON  
13 TOWNSHIP, ROBESON TOWNSHIP AND CUMRU TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY,  
14 AS THE VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, THE PERSIAN  
15 GULF WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND THE IRAQ AND  
16 AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge.

20 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
21 follows:

22 (1) SPC Martin Wilson Kondor, a United States Army

1 Specialist, was killed in action at age 20 while serving in  
2 Baqubah, Iraq, on April 29, 2004.

3 (2) The personal security detail on which SPC Kondor  
4 served was surrounded in a crossfire attack while he was an  
5 M240 gunner assigned to Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade,  
6 1st Infantry Division, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

7 (3) SPC Kondor demonstrated personal courage and  
8 technical expertise in the face of a determined enemy during  
9 a devastating ambush. His bravery and valor under fire saved  
10 the lives of his fellow soldiers.

11 (4) In recognition of his service, SPC Kondor was  
12 awarded the Bronze Star medal with the "V" Device and the  
13 Purple Heart.

14 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1008  
15 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam  
16 Township, York County, is designated as the SPC Martin Wilson  
17 Kondor Memorial Bridge.

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

21 SECTION 2. PFC FRANK ENZER WEISS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS <--  
22 BRIDGE.

23 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
24 FOLLOWS:

25 (1) PFC FRANK ENZER WEISS, A NATIVE OF TANOMA, SERVED IN  
26 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 4TH  
27 MARINES, 3RD MARINE DIVISION, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.

28 (2) ON MARCH 18, 1968, PFC WEISS, 19 YEARS OF AGE, WAS  
29 KILLED IN ACTION BY HOSTILE FIRE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH  
30 VIETNAM.

1 (3) PFC WEISS WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART, NATIONAL  
2 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND VIETNAM  
3 SERVICE MEDAL.

4 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON STATE  
5 ROUTE 119 OVER THE PINE RUN CREEK IN RAYNE TOWNSHIP, INDIANA  
6 COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE PFC FRANK ENZER WEISS UNITED STATES  
7 MARINE CORPS BRIDGE.

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

11 SECTION 3. ABNER YODER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

14 (1) ABNER YODER GRADUATED FROM HEGINS HIGH SCHOOL IN  
15 1936, WAS ACTIVE IN HIS LOCAL CHURCH AND PLAYED ON THE  
16 PITMAN'S FARMERS BASEBALL TEAM.

17 (2) ON JULY 18, 1941, HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
18 AIR CORPS AND ROSE TO THE LEVEL OF TECHNICAL SERGEANT BY  
19 AUGUST OF 1943.

20 (3) DURING HIS TIME IN THE AIR CORPS, HE TRAVELED TO  
21 AUSTRALIA, WHERE HE MET HIS FIANCÉE AND JOINED A COMBAT CREW  
22 WHICH FLEW MISSIONS ON A B-52.

23 (4) ON FEBRUARY 17, 1944, THE PLANE HE WAS ON WITH HIS  
24 CREW HAD ENGINE TROUBLES AND ATTEMPTED TO RETURN TO THE BASE  
25 BUT STALLED AND CRASHED. THE ENTIRE CREW, INCLUDING ABNER  
26 YODER, WAS KILLED IN THE PLANE CRASH.

27 (5) ABNER YODER WAS 26 AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH AND HE  
28 WAS BURIED AT THE MANILA AMERICAN CEMETERY IN MANILA, NEAR  
29 OTHER FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

30 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE ON STATE ROUTE 125 BEFORE RIDGE

1 ROAD IN PITMAN, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE ABNER  
2 YODER 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 4. GENERAL CARL A. SPAATZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

7 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
8 FOLLOWS:

9 (1) CARL ANDREW "TOOEY" SPAATZ WAS BORN IN BOYERTOWN,  
10 BERKS COUNTY, ON JUNE 28, 1891.

11 (2) DRAWN TO AVIATION, AFTER GRADUATING FROM WEST POINT  
12 IN 1914 AND BEING COMMISSIONED AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE  
13 INFANTRY, MR. SPAATZ STUDIED AT THE AVIATION SCHOOL AT SAN  
14 DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

15 (3) MR. SPAATZ SERVED WITH THE 1ST AERO SQUADRON AS A  
16 FIRST LIEUTENANT UNDER GENERAL JOHN "BLACK JACK" PERSHING  
17 DURING THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION INTO MEXICO.

18 (4) AFTER BEING PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN MAY 1917, MR.  
19 SPAATZ SERVED IN FRANCE WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY  
20 FORCES DURING WORLD WAR I AND, AS A FIGHTER PILOT, SHOT DOWN  
21 THREE GERMAN FOKKER PLANES BEHIND ENEMY LINES, WHICH EARNED  
22 HIM THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

23 (5) MR. SPAATZ WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR ON JULY 1, 1920,  
24 AND DURING THE INTERWAR YEARS HE PROCEEDED UP THE RANKS OF A  
25 PEACETIME AIR CORPS.

26 (6) MR. SPAATZ WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
27 CROSS FOR COMMANDING THE REFUELING ENDURANCE FLIGHT OF THE  
28 QUESTION MARK PLANE FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH 7, 1929, DURING  
29 WHICH THE PLANE BROKE A RECORD FOR SUSTAINED FLIGHT.

30 (7) AFTER THE UNITED STATES ENTERED INTO WORLD WAR II,

1 IN 1942, MR. SPAATZ WAS NAMED CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE COMBAT  
2 COMMAND AND WAS SENT TO ENGLAND TO INITIATE THE PLANNING  
3 STAGES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.

4 (8) LATER IN 1942, MR. SPAATZ WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF THE  
5 UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.

6 (9) IN 1943, MR. SPAATZ COMMANDED THE TWELFTH AIR FORCE  
7 IN NORTH AFRICA WHERE HIS FORCES PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN  
8 REDUCING ERWIN ROMMEL'S AFRIKA KORPS.

9 (10) IN 1944, MR. SPAATZ RETURNED TO ENGLAND AND WAS  
10 NAMED THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES STRATEGIC  
11 AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.

12 (11) IN THIS ROLE, MR. SPAATZ PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN  
13 OPERATION OVERLORD, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS D-DAY, BY  
14 DIRECTING THE ALLIED AERIAL ATTACKS COVERING THE LANDINGS ON  
15 THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY.

16 (12) MR. SPAATZ ALSO COMMANDED THE STRATEGIC BOMBING OF  
17 GERMANY.

18 (13) ON MARCH 11, 1945, MR. SPAATZ RECEIVED A TEMPORARY  
19 PROMOTION TO GENERAL AND LATER WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF THE  
20 UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN THE PACIFIC WHERE HE  
21 SUPERVISED THE FINAL STRATEGIC BOMBINGS OF JAPAN, INCLUDING  
22 TWO ATOMIC BOMB MISSIONS.

23 (14) MR. SPAATZ WAS THE ONLY MAN OF GENERAL RANK OR  
24 EQUIVALENT TO ATTEND ALL THREE SURRENDER CEREMONIES THAT  
25 ENDED WORLD WAR II.

26 (15) IN 1946, MR. SPAATZ WAS NAMED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF  
27 THE ARMY AIR FORCES, AND IN 1947 HE WAS NAMED THE FIRST CHIEF  
28 OF STAFF OF THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

29 (16) MR. SPAATZ RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN 1948  
30 AND PASSED AWAY ON JULY 14, 1974.

1 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 562 IN BERKS  
2 COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROUTE 73 IN THE BOROUGH  
3 OF BOYERTOWN TO THE INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROUTE 662 AT THE  
4 TOWNSHIP LINE BETWEEN AMITY TOWNSHIP AND OLEY TOWNSHIP IS  
5 DESIGNATED AS THE GENERAL CARL A. SPAATZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

9 SECTION 5. VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

10 (A) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 176 IN NEW  
11 MORGAN BOROUGH, CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, FROM THE  
12 MORGANTOWN INTERCHANGE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE AT MILE  
13 MARKER 0.4 TO MILE MARKER 3.7 IS DESIGNATED AS THE VIETNAM WAR  
14 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

15 (B) 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 6. PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

19 (A) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 176 IN  
20 ROBESON TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, FROM MILE MARKER 3.7 TO MILE  
21 MARKER 7.0 IS DESIGNATED AS THE PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS  
22 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

23 (B) 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 7. IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

27 (A) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 176 IN  
28 ROBESON TOWNSHIP AND CUMRU TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, FROM MILE  
29 MARKER 7.0 IN ROBESON TOWNSHIP TO MILE MARKER 10.3 AT OR NEAR  
30 THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. ROUTE 422 IN CUMRU TOWNSHIP IS

1 DESIGNATED AS THE IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL  
2 HIGHWAY.

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

6 Section 2 8. Effective date.

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7 This act shall take effect in 60 days.