

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1002 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, DECEMBER 8, 2017

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 21, 2018

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1041 over
2 the Mahoning Creek in Grant Township and Canoe Township,
3 Indiana County, as the Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial
4 Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State <--
5 Route 286 over the South Branch Cush Creek River, Montgomery
6 Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Edward John Parada
7 Memorial Bridge-; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE, IDENTIFIED AS BRIDGE <--
8 KEY 19108, ON THAT PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 286 OVER THE
9 TWO LICK CREEK, BOROUGH OF CLYMER, INDIANA COUNTY, AS THE
10 CORPORAL LOUIS R. TATE MEMORIAL BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE,
11 IDENTIFIED AS BRIDGE KEY 19109, ON THAT PORTION OF
12 PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 286 OVER THE TWO LICK CREEK, AT THE EAST
13 END OF THE BOROUGH OF CLYMER, INDIANA COUNTY, AS THE LANCE
14 CORPORAL JOSHUA T. TWIGG MEMORIAL BRIDGE; AND DESIGNATING THE <--
15 PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 2024 AND STATE ROUTE 1016, ALSO KNOWN
16 AS MONUMENT ORVISTON ROAD, FROM THE INTERSECTION OF STATE
17 ROUTE 2024 AND MAIN STREET IN BEECH CREEK BOROUGH, CLINTON
18 COUNTY, TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 1016 AND KATO
19 ORVISTON ROAD IN CURTIN TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, AS THE CPL
20 MILFORD H. WENSEL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY-; AND DESIGNATING A <--
21 PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 44 IN POTTER COUNTY AS THE
22 HIGHWAY TO THE STARS.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge.

26 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
27 follows:

1 (1) SPC Christine L. Mayes was a native of Rochester
2 Mills and a graduate of Marion Center Area High School.

3 (2) SPC Mayes enlisted in the United States Army
4 following graduation from high school and served on active
5 duty for three years in Germany.

6 (3) After her release from active duty, SPC Mayes
7 continued to serve her country in the United States Army
8 Reserve with the 14th Quartermaster Detachment, 99th Army
9 Reserve Command in Greensburg. Her unit was activated in
10 support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert
11 Storm.

12 (4) SPC Mayes was killed on February 25, 1991, when an
13 Iraqi scud missile destroyed a United States military
14 barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in the final days of the
15 Persian Gulf War.

16 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of
17 State Route 1041 over the Mahoning Creek in Grant Township and
18 Canoe Township, Indiana County, is designated the Army SPC
19 Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge.

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

23 Section 2. Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial Bridge.

24 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
25 follows:

26 (1) Sgt. Edward John Parada was born and raised in
27 Montgomery Township, Indiana County, and graduated from
28 Purchase Line High School.

29 (2) On August 27, 1970, Sgt. Parada was killed in action
30 in Vietnam while serving with the United States Army Company

1 E, 327th Infantry REGIMENT, 101st Airborne Division. <--

2 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 286 over
3 the South Branch Cush Creek River, Montgomery Township, Indiana
4 County, is designated as the Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial
5 Bridge.

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

9 SECTION 3. CORPORAL LOUIS R. TATE MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

10 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
11 FOLLOWS:

12 (1) CORPORAL LOUIS R. TATE WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 22, 1906,
13 IN ARCADIA AND ATTENDED CLYMER HIGH SCHOOL.

14 (2) CORPORAL TATE ENTERED THE SERVICE ON MARCH 17, 1943,
15 WITH THE HDQ COMPANY OF THE 304 INFANTRY ANTI TANK BATTALION,
16 UNITED STATES ARMY.

17 (3) ON FEBRUARY 7, 1945, CORPORAL TATE WAS KILLED IN
18 ACTION IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE IN LUXEMBOURG.

19 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE, IDENTIFIED AS BRIDGE KEY
20 19108, LOCATED ON PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 286 OVER THE TWO LICK
21 CREEK, BOROUGH OF CLYMER, INDIANA COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED THE
22 CORPORAL LOUIS R. TATE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

26 SECTION 4. LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA T. TWIGG MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

27 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
28 FOLLOWS:

29 (1) LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA T. TWIGG WAS BORN ON OCTOBER
30 1, 1988, IN INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND GREW UP IN CLYMER

1 WHERE HE ATTENDED PENNS MANOR HIGH SCHOOL.

2 (2) LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA T. TWIGG SERVED HIS COUNTRY
3 HONORABLY WITH THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 2ND BATTALION,
4 9TH MARINE REGIMENT, 2ND MARINE DIVISION.

5 (3) ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2010, LANCE CORPORAL TWIGG WAS
6 KILLED IN ACTION IN HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN.

7 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE, IDENTIFIED AS BRIDGE KEY
8 19109, LOCATED ON PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 286 OVER THE TWO LICK
9 CREEK, AT THE EAST END OF THE BOROUGH OF CLYMER, INDIANA COUNTY,
10 IS DESIGNATED THE LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA T. TWIGG MEMORIAL
11 BRIDGE.

12 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
13 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
14 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.
15 SECTION 5. CPL MILFORD H. WENSEL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

18 (1) CPL MILFORD H. WENSEL WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 2, 1948,
19 TO WALTER H. AND BEATRICE M. WENSEL IN HOWARD.

20 (2) CPL WENSEL GRADUATED FROM LOCK HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL IN
21 1966.

22 (3) IN MARCH 1969, CPL WENSEL WAS DEPLOYED TO VIETNAM
23 WHERE HE SERVED WITH THE 3RD SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY, 25TH
24 INFANTRY DIVISION AS A HALF-TRACK OPERATOR.

25 (4) ON JUNE 5, 1969, AT 20 YEARS OF AGE, CPL WENSEL WAS
26 KILLED WHILE GOING OUT AT NIGHT FOR HIS HALF-TRACK.

27 (5) CPL WENSEL WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART
28 AND THE BRONZE STAR.

29 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 2024 AND STATE
30 ROUTE 1016, ALSO KNOWN AS MONUMENT ORVISTON ROAD, FROM THE

1 INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2024 AND MAIN STREET IN BEECH CREEK
2 BOROUGH, CLINTON COUNTY, TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 1016
3 AND KATO ORVISTON ROAD IN CURTIN TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, IS
4 DESIGNATED AS THE CPL MILFORD H. WENSEL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

8 SECTION 6. HIGHWAY TO THE STARS. <--

9 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
10 FOLLOWS:

11 (1) THE INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PRESERVE AT CHERRY
12 SPRINGS STATE PARK IS AN ATTRACTION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND
13 AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO
14 HAVE AN INTEREST IN STARGAZING FROM ONE OF THE DARKEST PLACES
15 IN THE COUNTRY.

16 (2) THE VISITOR COUNT TO CHERRY SPRINGS STATE PARK HAS
17 BEEN RISING EACH YEAR, AND THE RIPPLE EFFECT IS BEING FELT BY
18 REGIONAL BUSINESSES.

19 (3) PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 44 PASSES DIRECTLY THROUGH CHERRY
20 SPRINGS STATE PARK, TAKING TRAVELERS TO A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE
21 DARK SKY VIEWING FIELD AND AMPHITHEATER AND A SEPARATE
22 OBSERVATION AREA FOR ASTRONOMERS, PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS
23 AND OTHERS WITH SPECIALIZED INTERESTS.

24 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 44 IN
25 POTTER COUNTY FROM U.S. ROUTE 6 TO THE LYCOMING COUNTY LINE IS
26 DESIGNATED THE HIGHWAY TO THE STARS.

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

30 Section ~~3~~ 6 7. Effective date. <--

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.