

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2088 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, BURNS, HENNESSEY, PICKETT, KORTZ, COX, MURT, KOSIEROWSKI, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS, RYAN, T. DAVIS, WARREN, KAUFFMAN, BERNSTINE, POLINCHOCK, McNEILL, DiGIROLAMO, STRUZZI, STAATS, MERSKI, SAINATO, GILLEN AND CIRESI, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53827, on that
 2 portion of State Route 2003, also known as S. Porter Street,
 3 over the South Fork Tenmile Creek in Waynesburg, Greene
 4 County, as the Sheriff Brian A. Tennant Memorial Bridge;
 5 designating the interchange of State Route 43, also known as
 6 the Mon-Fayette Expressway, with U.S. Route 40, known as Exit
 7 22, in Redstone Township, Fayette County, as the PFC Joseph
 8 Frank Duda Memorial Interchange; and designating the
 9 interchange of U.S. Route 40 with State Route 4035, also
 10 known as Market Street and Spring Street, in Brownsville,
 11 Fayette County, as the CPL Denny Ray Easter Memorial
 12 Interchange.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Sheriff Brian A. Tennant Memorial Bridge.

16 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
 17 follows:

18 (1) A native of Waynesburg, Sheriff Brian A. Tennant
 19 began his lifetime of public service as a member of the
 20 Waynesburg Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company.

21 (2) Sheriff Tennant also worked as an emergency medical

1 technician with EMS Southwest, Inc., an ambulance and chair
2 service.

3 (3) In 2007, Sheriff Tennant graduated from the Indiana
4 University of Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Training Center
5 and began serving as a police officer with the Fallowfield
6 Township Police Department and later with the Waynesburg
7 Borough Police Department.

8 (4) In January of 2010, Sheriff Tennant was hailed as a
9 hero for helping to save several lives during a house fire in
10 Waynesburg that killed two children.

11 (5) In 2013, Sheriff Tennant was elected Sheriff of
12 Greene County.

13 (6) In 2017, Sheriff Tennant was re-elected Sheriff of
14 Greene County and served in this position until his death.

15 (7) Sheriff Tennant died on February 27, 2019, at the
16 age of 35.

17 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
18 53827, located on that portion of State Route 2003, also known
19 as S. Porter Street, over the South Fork of Tenmile Creek in
20 Waynesburg, Greene County, is designated as the Sheriff Brian A.
21 Tennant Memorial Bridge.

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

25 Section 2. PFC Joseph Frank Duda Memorial Interchange.

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

28 (1) PFC Joseph Frank Duda was born on March 14, 1921, in
29 Lamberton, Fayette County.

30 (2) On January 26, 1942, PFC Duda enlisted as a Private

1 in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

2 (3) PFC Duda served during World War II as a member of
3 the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, Third Marine Brigade,
4 Fleet Marine Force aboard the USS Fuller.

5 (4) On April 10, 1942, PFC Duda was appointed Private
6 First Class.

7 (5) On January 9, 1944, PFC Duda was killed in the line
8 of duty as the result of a gunshot wound received in action
9 at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

10 (b) Designation.--The interchange of State Route 43, also
11 known as the Mon-Fayette Expressway, with U.S. Route 40, known
12 as Exit 22, in Redstone Township, Fayette County, is designated
13 as the PFC Joseph Frank Duda Memorial Interchange.

14 (c) Signs.--The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission shall erect
15 and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
16 interchange to traffic in both directions.
17 Section 3. CPL Denny Ray Easter Memorial Interchange.

18 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
19 follows:

20 (1) CPL Denny Ray Easter was born August 28, 1950, in
21 Brownsville, Fayette County.

22 (2) On November 11, 1970, CPL Easter joined the United
23 States Army and earned the rank of Corporal.

24 (3) CPL Easter served during the Vietnam War as an
25 Infantryman with B Company, 5th Battalion, 198th Light
26 Infantry Brigade, 46th Infantry, with a specialty of Light
27 Weapons Infantry.

28 (4) On January 13, 1971, at the age of 20, CPL Easter
29 was killed in the line of duty in Quang Tin province, South
30 Vietnam.

1 (b) Designation.--The interchange of U.S. Route 40 with
2 State Route 4035, also known as Market Street and Spring Street,
3 in Brownsville, Fayette County, is designated as the CPL Denny
4 Ray Easter Memorial Interchange.

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

8 Section 4. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.