

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1084 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY BARTOLOTTA, MARCH 11, 2020

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 11, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 50 in Mount Pleasant
 2 Township, Washington County, as the Corporal Brady Clement
 3 Paul Memorial Highway; designating the Morgan Road Bridge
 4 over Interstate 79 in Cecil Township, Washington County, as
 5 the Wreathes Across America Bridge; and designating the
 6 Interstate 70 Exit 17 in City of Washington, Washington
 7 County, as the Sergeant Russell Crupe, Jr., Memorial Exit.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Corporal Brady Clement Paul Memorial Highway.

11 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

12 (1) Corporal Brady Clement Paul was born November 7,
 13 1904, in Hickory, Pennsylvania.

14 (2) On January 7, 1926, when Corporal Paul was 22 years
 15 of age, he enlisted with the State Highway Patrol.

16 (3) On December 27, 1929, at 11:50 a.m., Corporal Paul
 17 and Patrolman Ernest Moore set up a roadblock on Butler
 18 Highway, three miles east of New Castle to stop a motor
 19 vehicle.

20 (4) When Corporal Paul asked the driver to step out of
 21 the vehicle, a passenger came around the side of the vehicle

1 and opened fire on the officers.

2 (5) Corporal Paul's dying words were "Tell the boys I
3 did my duty, I did my best."

4 (6) Corporal Paul was pronounced dead on arrival at
5 Jameson Memorial Hospital in New Castle.

6 (7) Nineteen days later, the escapees were apprehended
7 after a shoot-out with a sheriff's posse in the state of
8 Arizona and were extradited to this Commonwealth where they
9 were tried, sentenced and executed for murder.

10 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 50 in Mount
11 Pleasant Township, Washington County, identified as Segment 210-
12 220, is designated the Corporal Brady Clement Paul Memorial
13 Highway.

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

17 Section 2. Wreaths Across America Bridge.

18 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

19 (1) In 2008, more than 300 locations held wreath-laying
20 ceremonies on the graves of veterans in every state, Puerto
21 Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries.

22 (2) More than 100,000 wreaths were placed on veterans'
23 graves with more than 60,000 volunteers participating.

24 (3) On December 13, 2008, the Congress of the United
25 States unanimously designated the day as "Wreaths Across
26 America Day."

27 (4) In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its national
28 network of volunteers laid more than 700,000 memorial wreaths
29 at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including
30 ceremonies at the Pearl Harbor Memorial, Bunker Hill, Valley

1 Forge and the sites of the September 11 tragedies. This was
2 accomplished with help from 2,047 sponsorship groups,
3 corporate contributions and donations of trucking, shipping
4 and thousands of helping hands.

5 (5) The organization's goal of covering Arlington
6 National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of
7 226,525 wreaths.

8 (6) The wreath-laying ceremony is held annually on the
9 second or third Saturday of December. Wreaths Across
10 America's annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine, to
11 Arlington National Cemetery has become known as the world's
12 largest veterans' parade, stopping at schools, monuments,
13 veterans' homes and communities along the way to remind
14 people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

15 (b) Designation.--Morgan Road Bridge over Interstate 79 in
16 Cecil Township, Washington County, is designated the Wreaths
17 Across America 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 3. Sergeant Russell Crupe, Jr., Memorial Exit.

22 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

23 (1) Sergeant Russell Crupe, Jr., graduated from Avella
24 High School in 1998 and was a lieutenant and director of
25 field operations for the NSA Security Forces.

26 (2) Sergeant Crupe, Jr., served two years of active duty
27 in the Navy and for six years was a member of the Army
28 National Guard and Army Reserves.

29 (3) During his time in the Guard, Sergeant Crupe, Jr.,
30 served a tour of duty in Iraq as a combat engineer.

1 (4) Sergeant Crupe, Jr., died July 23, 2012.

2 (5) Sergeant Crupe, Jr., was awarded the Army
3 Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense
4 Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq
5 Campaign Medal with star, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces
6 Reserve Medal with device, Combat Action Badge and Driver and
7 Mechanic Badge with clasp.

8 (b) Designation.--Exit 17 on Interstate 70 in City of
9 Washington, Washington County, is designated the Sergeant
10 Russell Crupe, Jr., Memorial Exit.

11 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
12 maintain an appropriate sign displaying the name of the exit to
13 traffic exiting the highway in both directions.

14 Section 4. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.