

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 70 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, JANUARY 20, 2021

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 20, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, carrying SR 1008 (Eckenrode Mill Road)  
 2 over Chest Creek, located in East Carroll Township, Cambria  
 3 County, as the Kenneth John Ivory Memorial Bridge.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Kenneth John Ivory Memorial Bridge.

7 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
 8 follows:

9 (1) Kenneth John Ivory was born on April 2, 1947, in  
 10 Chest Springs, Cambria County.

11 (2) Growing up on a farm known for its quality potatoes,  
 12 Ken enjoyed the pride of being a family member of the third  
 13 generation on the farm.

14 (3) As the buildup in Vietnam was occurring, Ken  
 15 graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg in  
 16 1965.

17 (4) Ken and Helen Gongloff made the decision to get  
 18 married before he served in Vietnam.

19 (5) Ken was inducted into the Army on March 3, 1966, and

1 completed basic training and advanced individual training as  
2 an Indirect Fire Infantryman (mortarman) at Fort Benning,  
3 Georgia.

4 (6) Kenneth received orders to report to Vietnam on  
5 August 19, 1966, and, upon arrival, he was assigned to  
6 Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st  
7 Cavalry Division in Binh Dinh Province.

8 (7) In October of 1966, Ken's Company A joined other  
9 soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division in Operation Thayer, one  
10 of the largest operations of the war.

11 (8) On October 17, 1966, Ken and other members of his  
12 company were preparing a field landing zone in the Thua Thien  
13 Province to facilitate additional helicopter traffic into the  
14 area when Private First Class Ivory was struck by an  
15 uncontrolled aircraft, causing his death.

16 (9) Kenneth's services and interment were conducted at  
17 Saint Monica's Cemetery in Chester Springs.

18 (10) Kenneth received the following military  
19 commendations: Combat Infantryman Badge, Marksmanship Badge,  
20 National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal,  
21 Vietnam Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation,  
22 Vietnam Gallantry Cross and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

23 (11) Kenneth is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's  
24 Memorial in Washington, DC, with his name inscribed at Panel  
25 11e, Line 82.

26 (12) Kenneth, by this namesake bridge, is memorialized  
27 on the Eckenrode Mill Road within two miles from the Ivory  
28 farm where Ken and his brother, Wayne, fished, swam and he  
29 taught his wife, Helen, to ice skate.

30 (b) Designation.--The bridge, carrying SR 1008 (Eckenrode

1 Mill Road) over Chest Creek, located in East Carroll Township,  
2 Cambria County, is designated the Kenneth John Ivory Memorial  
3 Bridge.

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

7 Section 2. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.