

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 122 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, JANUARY 6, 2023

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 6, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45701, carrying
 2 Pennsylvania Route 403 over the Conemaugh River between
 3 Johnstown City and West Taylor Township, Cambria County, as
 4 the Captain Raymond W. Callahan, Jr., Memorial Bridge;
 5 designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8574, carrying
 6 State Route 1021 over Clearfield Creek between Reade Township
 7 and White Township, Cambria County, as the CPL Reid Rex Ross
 8 3 BT 26 Marine Reg. Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge,
 9 identified as Bridge Key 56008, carrying Pennsylvania Route
 10 403 over Stonycreek River in Johnstown City, Cambria County,
 11 as the Sgt. John C. Alaimo Memorial Bridge; designating a
 12 bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8444, carrying US Route 219
 13 over Pennsylvania Route 56, also known as Scalp Avenue, in
 14 Richland Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Stanley Albert
 15 Stys Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as
 16 Bridge Key 8547, located on State Route 1002, Cambria
 17 Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Cyril T. Yeckley
 18 Memorial Bridge; and making repeals.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. Captain Raymond W. Callahan, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

22 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
 23 follows:

24 (1) Captain Raymond W. Callahan, Jr., was born September
 25 11, 1946.

26 (2) Captain Callahan graduated from Greater Johnstown

1 High School in 1964.

2 (3) Following graduation, Captain Callahan enrolled at
3 Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

4 (4) Captain Callahan enlisted in the United States Army
5 in 1966.

6 (5) Captain Callahan was commissioned in 1967, following
7 his graduation from Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox,
8 Kentucky.

9 (6) Captain Callahan completed helicopter training at
10 Fort Wolters, Texas, and completed a course in special
11 welfare at the John F. Kennedy Center at Fort Bragg, North
12 Carolina.

13 (7) Captain Callahan was promoted to First Lieutenant in
14 1968 and was further promoted to Captain shortly before his
15 death.

16 (8) Captain Callahan was killed in the line of duty in
17 Phuoc Long Province in the central highlands of South
18 Vietnam, near the Cambodian border on February 23, 1969.

19 (9) Captain Callahan was awarded the Bronze Star, the
20 Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam
21 Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

22 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
23 45701, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over the Conemaugh River
24 between Johnstown City and West Taylor Township, Cambria County,
25 is designated the Captain Raymond W. Callahan, Jr., Memorial
26 Bridge.

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

30 Section 2. CPL Reid Rex Ross 3 BT 26 Marine Reg. Memorial

1 Bridge.

2 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
3 follows:

4 (1) CPL Reid Rex Ross was born April 27, 1949.

5 (2) CPL Ross served in the United States Marine Corps
6 with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, First
7 Marine Division.

8 (3) On December 4, 1968, Company I was participating in
9 Operation Meade River south of DaNang when the Marines were
10 pinned down by enemy fire. CPL Ross moved from one position
11 to another to determine ammunition requirements and provide
12 encouragement to his men.

13 (4) CPL Ross heroically moved through intense fire and
14 hurled hand grenades and fired several light antitank assault
15 weapons at the enemy.

16 (5) CPL Ross directed his men to a more secure area
17 while personally providing covering fire for them.

18 (6) CPL Ross observed two casualties lying in an area
19 exposed to the enemy and manned an M-60 machine gun and
20 returned fire, allowing for an evacuation team to retrieve
21 the two individuals.

22 (7) CPL Ross was killed while providing return fire to
23 protect his team.

24 (8) CPL Ross was awarded the Silver Star for his service
25 and sacrifice for our country.

26 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8574,
27 carrying State Route 1021 over Clearfield Creek between Reade
28 Township and White Township, Cambria County, is designated the
29 CPL Reid Rex Ross 3 BT 26 Marine Reg. Memorial Bridge.

30 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

1 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
2 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

3 Section 3. Sgt. John C. Alaimo Memorial Bridge.

4 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
5 follows:

6 (1) Sgt. John C. Alaimo was born May 31, 1948.

7 (2) Sgt. Alaimo served in the United States Army with
8 Company A, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 2nd
9 Brigade, 1st Infantry Division during the Vietnam War.

10 (3) Sgt. Alaimo was killed in action in Bien Hoa on
11 April 8, 1969.

12 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
13 56008, carrying Pennsylvania Route 403 over Stonycreek River in
14 Johnstown City, Cambria County, is designated the Sgt. John C.
15 Alaimo Memorial Bridge.

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

19 Section 4. PFC Stanley Albert Stys Memorial Bridge.

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

22 (1) PFC Stanley Albert Stys was born October 1, 1949.

23 (2) PFC Stys graduated from Johnstown High School in
24 1967.

25 (3) PFC Stys served with Company D, 1st Battalion, 502nd
26 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division in the United
27 States Army.

28 (4) On March 6, 1968, PFC Stys was killed in action in
29 the Thua Thien province.

30 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8444,

1 carrying US Route 219 over Pennsylvania Route 56, also known as
2 Scalp Avenue, in Richland Township, Cambria County, is
3 designated the PFC Stanley Albert Stys Memorial 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 crossing route.

7 Section 5. PFC Cyril T. Yeckley Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) PFC Cyril T. Yeckley was born October 20, 1945, in
11 Carrolltown Borough, Cambria County.

12 (2) PFC Yeckley enlisted in the United States Marine
13 Corps and began a tour of duty in Quang Nam Province, South
14 Vietnam, on February 23, 1969, as a rifleman with L Company,
15 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

16 (3) Less than one month later on March 13, 1969, PFC
17 Yeckley was killed in action after receiving multiple
18 fragmentation wounds.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8547,
20 located on State Route 1002, also known as Friend Lea Road, over
21 U.S. Route 219 in Cambria Township, Cambria County, is
22 designated the PFC Cyril T. Yeckley 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 and both directions on
26 the crossing route.

27 Section 6. Repeals.

28 Repeals are as follows:

29 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
30 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the designation

1 under section 5.

2 (2) Section 10 of the act of November 27, 2019 (P.L.703,
3 No.102), is repealed.

4 Section 7. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.