

## No. 2014-103

## AN ACT

## HB 2072

Designating a portion of County Line Road separating Montgomery County and Bucks County as the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 233 from the northern corporate limits of Newville Borough to the Cumberland County and Perry County line as the Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of US 22/US 322 Eastbound over Interstate 81, Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, as the Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 12 in Alsace Township, Berks County, as the Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro Highway; designating the bridge on State Route 3023, Johns Road, Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Clara Barton Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route 1003, Old York Road, over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in Fairview Township, York County, as the Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State Route 51, known as Fleming Park Road, that intersects with Coraopolis Road in Kennedy Township, Allegheny County, as the Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway; designating the bridge crossing the Lackawanna River along 8th Avenue, also known as U.S. Business Route 6, in downtown Carbondale, Lackawanna County, as the 109th Infantry Bridge; designating State Bridge No. 53-0054-0290-0143 carrying S.R. 54 in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, over the Reading and Northern Railroad, as the Cornelius McElhenny Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 66 over the Kiskiminetas River, Leechburg Borough, Armstrong County, as the Veterans Memorial Bridge; redesignating Concord Road (S.R. 3007) in Chester Township, Delaware County, as Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road; designating Whitaker Avenue from its intersection with Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to the point where it meets East Erie Avenue in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, as the 65th Infantry "Borinqueneers" Avenue; designating the section of State Route 45, from the intersection of State Route 26, Segment 0140, Offset 0000, in Pine Grove Mills, Centre County, to U.S. Business Route 322, Segment 0240, Offset 0000, in Boalsburg, Centre County, as the Sergeant Adam Hartswick Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of 17th Street over State Route 56 in Windber Borough, Somerset County, as the Trooper Joseph Sepp Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 30 in Philadelphia County as the Betty Ann Townes Memorial Highway; designating a bridge in Greene County as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2020 over Interstate 81 in the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, as the 2nd Lieutenant Carol Ann Drazba and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 1. SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings.—

(1) SP4 Ronald Carlton Smith was a resident of Hatboro, Pennsylvania, before enlisting in the United States Army on December 6, 1967, at 23 years of age.

(2) SP4 Smith was assigned to Troop E, 1st Cavalry, 11th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division of the United States Army in Vietnam.

(3) SP4 Smith served as an Armor Reconnaissance Specialist, gathering intelligence on terrain features, scouting enemy force strength and locations, driving armored, tracked and wheeled vehicles and engaging in tactical operations against enemy troops.

(4) While valiantly serving his country, SP4 Smith was killed by an explosive device on April 14, 1968, in the Quang Ngai Province of South Vietnam.

(b) Designation.—The section of County Line Road separating Montgomery and Bucks Counties from Maple Avenue to Easton Road is hereby designated the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

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

#### Section 2. Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Timothy L. Hayslett was born May 17, 1977, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He moved to Newville, Pennsylvania, in Cumberland County along with his family in 1983. He attended Big Spring High School in Newville and entered the United States Army in 1995 where he served for eight years.

(2) Sergeant Hayslett was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division at Friedberg, Germany. He died November 15, 2003, at 26 years of age while on patrol in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck his Humvee.

(3) Sergeant Hayslett was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal for his wounds sustained in combat against an enemy of the United States. He was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars.

(4) Sergeant Timothy Hayslett, the beloved son of Guy L. and Mary D. Hayslett of Newville, Pennsylvania, was courageously serving his country at the time of his death, and his excellence as a soldier has been extolled by many.

(b) Designation.—The section of Pennsylvania Route 233 from the northern corporate limits of Newville Borough to the Cumberland County and Perry County line is hereby designated as the Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway.

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

#### Section 3. Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Matthew Ruffner was a resident of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

(2) CWO Ruffner was a pilot and a senior flight instructor at Fort Indiantown Gap.

(3) While bravely serving his country, CWO Ruffner was killed in Afghanistan on April 9, 2013, in a helicopter crash.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on US 22/US 322 Eastbound over Interstate 81 in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, is hereby designated the Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial Bridge.

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

#### Section 4. Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro Highway.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro was born in Reading in 1972 and was raised and lived in Alsace Township from 1973 until 1987, attending the Oley Valley School District public schools.

(2) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro graduated from Oley Valley High School in 1990 and, after studying briefly at Kutztown University, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1991.

(3) After serving aboard the U.S.S. George Washington and U.S.S. Kitty Hawk, Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro became a member of the United States Navy's elite SEALs in 1997 and subsequently was deployed on overseas missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

(4) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro died during a training mission in the United States in 2008.

(5) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Combat Action Ribbons, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Armed Forces Service Medal.

(6) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro is survived by his parents, Joseph and Christine L. Vaccaro.

(b) Designation.—The section of Pennsylvania Route 12 in Alsace Township, Berks County, is hereby designated the Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro Highway.

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

#### Section 5. Clara Barton Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) In 1881, after years of work, pioneer nurse Clara Barton's organization, the American National Red Cross, was officially established.

(2) On June 5, 1889, approximately five days after the South Fork Dam broke in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Clara Barton and a group of Red Cross volunteers rode the train to the devastated town to help the survivors in one of the first major disaster responses for the organization.

(3) Clara Barton and the Red Cross remained in the town for more than five months and provided aid to more than 25,000 people by establishing feeding stations, building shelters and rendering medical care.

(4) Clara Barton continued her work with the Red Cross helping others during times of disaster until her resignation in 1904 at 83 years of age. She died April 12, 1912, at 90 years of age.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 3023, Johns Street, over Little Conemaugh River in Johnstown, Cambria County, is hereby designated the Clara Barton Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 6. Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley was born in Harrisburg and resided in nearby New Cumberland at the time of his military service.

(2) Staff Sergeant Shelley was a Gunner and the Assistant Flight Engineer on the Lady Be Good, an American B-24D Liberator stationed in Soluch, Libya. This small desert airstrip was about 34 miles southeast of Benghazi.

(3) On April 4, 1943, the Lady Be Good was one of 25 bombers of the 514th/376th Bomb Squadron of the United States Army Air Forces that took off in a sandstorm to strike Naples, Italy. The 700-mile mission began at 3:10 p.m.

(4) The Lady Be Good was the only B-24 that did not safely return, and, at approximately 2 a.m., the Liberator ran out of fuel, and her crew bailed out some 440 miles southeast of Soluch.

(5) Most of the nine-member crew survived the crash and lived more than a week with little water or food in a desert with 130 degree daytime temperatures and nighttime temperatures of 35 degrees. Eight of the crew trekked 85 miles from the crash site, with three members, including Staff Sergeant Shelley, traveling an additional 20-plus miles in search of rescue. All crew members died in the desert despite their valiant efforts to survive.

(6) Wreckage of the B-24 was eventually discovered, and the remains of Staff Sergeant Shelley and his Lady Be Good crewmates were recovered 17 years after the crash and returned to the United States for interment.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 1003, Old York Road, over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in Fairview Township, York County, is hereby designated the Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge.

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

**Section 7. Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway.**

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Captain Sean M. Ruane, a highly decorated combat veteran, was born October 11, 1982, and graduated from Montour High School in 2000 and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 2005.

(2) Upon graduation, Captain Ruane entered the United States Air Force and became a pilot.

(3) Captain Ruane was deployed five times to the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

(4) Captain Ruane was assigned to the 56th Rescue Squadron at the Royal Air Force's Lakenheath base in England.

(5) On January 7, 2014, Captain Ruane paid the supreme sacrifice while serving his country when the plane in which he was instructing fellow airmen crashed in eastern England.

(b) Designation.—The section of State Route 51, known as Fleming Park Road, that intersects with Coraopolis Road in Kennedy Township, Allegheny County, is hereby designated as the Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway.

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

**Section 8. 109th Infantry Bridge.**

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The 109th Infantry Regiment constitutes one of four regiments in the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division. Units of this brigade date back to the American Revolution and were engaged in all the wars of this nation.

(2) The 109th Infantry trace their origins to the Scranton City Guards Battalion, National Guard of Pennsylvania, which was constituted and organized on August 14, 1877. It was redesignated on September 23, 1878, as the 13th Infantry Regiment. The unit was mustered into Federal service on May 12 and 13, 1898, at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania, as the 13th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment for the Spanish American War. The unit did not serve outside the continental United States. It was mustered out of Federal service on March 11, 1899, at Augusta, Georgia.

(3) On September 26, 1916, the unit was mustered into Federal service at Mount Gretna for service on the Mexican border and was stationed at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas. As border patrol operations began to close, the unit continued in Federal service as the United States entered World War I. The unit was drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917. The unit was consolidated with the 1st Infantry Regiment, which was organized in 1777, and it was reorganized and redesignated as the 109th Infantry Regiment, an element of the 28th Division. The unit was mustered out of Federal service from May 17 through 20, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and returned to the Commonwealth's control.

(4) The soldiers of the 109th Infantry Regiment earned the nickname "Men of Iron" for the three-day defense against overwhelming odds during the German Army's Champagne-Marne Offensive when the 109th Infantry Regiment was attacked by the German 36th Division. A later

German after-action report described the battle as "the most severe defeat of the war." The unit received campaign participation credit for the following: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne 1918 and Lorraine 1918. The regiment had suffered more than 100% casualties from the time it began service in Europe until the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918. Fighting was so fierce in some battles that in one case, an entire battalion was left in command of a sergeant. The red "Keystone," the symbol of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, became the patch of the 28th Division. It was the second official unit patch recognized by the War Department, even though the symbol of the red keystone has been worn on the uniforms of Pennsylvania soldiers since the 1870s.

(5) Ten months before the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, the 28th Division, including the 109th Infantry Regiment, received orders into Federal service. After the United States entered World War II, the division trained extensively in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Florida, England and Wales. The 109th became a Regimental Combat Team. It landed in France after D-Day and fought through Normandy, helped liberate Paris and battled through the Hurtgen Forest of Germany. Elements of the regiment led the division into the Rhineland to become the first troops to invade German soil since Napoleon and became bitterly engaged in the "West Wall" of Germany. The 109th Infantry paid with human life and blood as they received the following battle honors: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. They also received the following decorations from foreign governments: the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, streamer embroidered "COLMAR" and the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, streamer embroidered "LUXEMBOURG."

(6) The most noteworthy of the 109th Infantry's achievements during World War II came while the regiment rested in the Ardennes sector, considered a "quiet" area, early in December 1944. At that time, the German General Von Rundstedt launched the vicious, well-planned battle which became known as the Battle of the Bulge. For eleven days the 109th Regimental Combat Team had frustrated the offensive efforts of the German 5th Parachute Division and the 352nd VG Division to seize key terrain and establish a firm southern defense line for the main offensive thrust to seize Antwerp. By December 23, 1944, the 915th Volksgrenadier Regiment, 352nd Volksgrenadier (VG) Division, the major foe, had been eliminated by the 109th Regimental Combat Team as a combat organization. Elements of the 914th and 916th Volksgrenadier Regiments also suffered sizeable losses. By December 25, 1944, except for the 2nd Battalion, the men of the 109th Infantry began to push back north across the Sure River which they had slowly been pushed through the previous eleven days. They had suffered 1,174 casualties in the battle in just the month of December, almost 40% of their effective strength.

(7) Those of the 109th Infantry also underwent mobilization for the Korean War with the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, as it reinforced NATO in Germany in 1950. Several Pennsylvania units saw active service in Korea. Additionally, from September 2002 until March 2003, the unit was mobilized in support of Operation Joint

Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina. On January 4, 2005, the battalion mobilized again and was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized) which deployed in June 2005 to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(8) Since that time, the 109th Infantry has provided assistance to local residents of northeastern Pennsylvania during times of flooding and other natural disasters. Additionally, those in the regiment continue their job of maintaining their equipment and training for needed future service. Among those who serve at the 109th Infantry Headquarters in Scranton are residents of Carbondale, Berwick, East Stroudsburg, Honesdale, Milton, Williamsport and other areas of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Wayne, Pike, Lycoming and other northeastern Pennsylvania counties. All of those who serve do so for all of the people of Pennsylvania and the nation and stand proud with the military readiness entrusted them according to the regiment's motto, "CIVES ARMA FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms."

(b) Designation.—Because of the great history, sacrifice and commitment of those who have served in the 109th Infantry Regiment, the bridge crossing the Lackawanna River along 8th Avenue, also known as U.S. Business Route 6, in downtown Carbondale, Lackawanna County, is hereby designated the 109th Infantry Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge with the infantry's motto "CIVES ARMA FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms" showing on the sign. Additionally, the department shall work with officials of the City of Carbondale and local residents on properly installing the 109th Infantry Regimental Crest with its motto "CIVES ARMA FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms" on the bridge in the future.

#### Section 9. Cornelius McElhenny Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) For many years, the bridge carrying S.R. 54 over the Reading and Northern Railroad in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, Department of Transportation No. 53-0054-0290-0143, has been known as the Cornelius McElhenny Bridge.

(2) It was named for Cornelius McElhenny, a resident of Mahanoy Township and a lifelong public servant.

(3) Cornelius McElhenny was born June 13, 1900, and died February 11, 1971.

(4) He worked in the Morea colliery and served as president of the local chapter of the United Mine Workers of America from 1930 until 1943.

(5) Throughout his life, he also held positions as supervisor for Mahanoy Township, president of the Mahanoy Township Water Authority, member of the Schuylkill County Executive Board, member of the Mahanoy Township School Board, member of the Mahanoy Area School Board and director of the Morea-New Boston Breaker

Corporation. He was also active in St. Canicus Roman Catholic Church of Mahanoy City.

(6) Cornelius McElhenny dedicated his life to his community, and it is fitting that the bridge be officially and permanently designated in his honor.

(b) Designation.—The bridge, known as State Bridge No. 53-0054-0290-0143, carrying S.R. 54 in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, over the Reading and Northern Railroad, is hereby designated as the Cornelius McElhenny Memorial Bridge.

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

#### Section 10. Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Declaration of policy.—The General Assembly finds and declares that the Borough of Leechburg would like to honor the citizens of Leechburg who have served or are currently serving our nation in the armed forces.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 66 in Leechburg Borough, Armstrong County, over the Kiskiminetas River is hereby designated the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

#### Section 11. Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Judge Robert A. Wright, a native of the City of Chester, broke racial barriers by becoming the first African American to serve in the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and on the county court.

(2) Judge Wright had the unique privilege of swearing in his own son, Robert C. Wright, to the bench in 1992, and the two also had the historic privilege of being the first father and son to serve together on the Common Pleas Court for Delaware County.

(3) A graduate of Temple Law School, Judge Wright was appointed to the court in 1970 and was elected to his first ten-year term in 1971.

(4) In December 1989, he was appointed to a senior status on the court until 2003 when he was named a court conciliator.

(5) Prior to becoming a judge, he served six years as an assistant district attorney.

(6) Judge Wright received the Donald J. Orlowsky Award from the Delaware County Bar Association and the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Award.

(7) Judge Wright will be remembered as a learned jurist who combined integrity and compassion with his strong knowledge of the law and who always reached a fair and just result.

(8) After a distinguished law career spanning 45 years, Judge Wright retired in 1989 and passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at Glen Mills Senior Living at the age of 90.

(b) Redesignation.—The road located in Chester Township, Delaware County, known as Concord Road (S.R. 3007) is redesignated as Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.



(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate road signs displaying the redesignated name of the road to traffic in both directions.

Section 12. 65th Infantry "Borinqueneers" Avenue.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The 65th Infantry Regiment is a Puerto Rican regiment of the United States Army. The 65th Infantry Regiment participated in World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

(2) "The Borinqueneers" is a nickname for the 65th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division in the United States Army, an all-volunteer Puerto Rican unit. It was derived from the name Borinquen meaning "land of the brave lord." It has also been interpreted as "land of the pure."

(3) Over 62,000 Puerto Ricans joined the military during World War II and over 43,000 Puerto Ricans served in the Korean War. While in Korea, the Borinqueneers served in nine separate military campaigns, with hundreds of men giving their lives to serve their country.

(4) The Regiment won four Distinguished Service Crosses and 125 Silver Stars and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the Greek Gold Metal for Bravery for its service.

(b) Designation.—Whitaker Avenue from its intersection with Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to the point where it meets East Erie Avenue in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, is designated as the 65th Infantry "Borinqueneers" Avenue.

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

Section 13. Sergeant Adam Hartswick Interchange.

(a) Declaration of policy.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Sergeant Adam Hartswick preserved a longstanding family tradition of military service by pursuing a path in the United States Army after graduating from State College Area High School, in State College, Pennsylvania, in 2009.

(2) Sergeant Hartswick began his service to others as a volunteer with Centre LifeLink EMS.

(3) After graduating from high school, Sergeant Hartswick completed his medical training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, which paved his way to becoming an Army Senior Combat Medic.

(4) Sergeant Hartswick was deployed to Afghanistan in December 2012.

(5) In May 2013, while rushing to the scene of an explosion that killed four United States service members in the Kandahar province, Sergeant Hartswick tragically lost both of his legs after stepping on an improvised explosive device after tending to a wounded soldier.

(6) After losing both of his legs, Sergeant Hartswick's composure remained intact as he was able to instruct his platoon leader on how to administer his aid.

(7) While he was resting in the hospital after surgery, a three-star General promoted Adam Hartswick to Sergeant.

(b) Designation.—The section of State Route 45, from the intersection of State Route 26, Segment 0140, Offset 0000, in Pine Grove Mills, Centre County, to U.S. Business Route 322, Segment 0240, Offset 0000, in Boalsburg, Centre County, is hereby designated as the Sergeant Adam Hartswick Interchange.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the interchange designated in subsection (b).

#### Section 14. Trooper Joseph Sepp Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) State Trooper Joseph Sepp, of the Pennsylvania State Police, died on November 10, 2002, in the line of duty.

(2) Trooper Sepp enlisted with the Pennsylvania State Police on February 24, 1992. He later graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy on July 16, 1992.

(3) Over 1,200 law enforcement officers were in attendance at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Windber, Pennsylvania, on November 14, 2002, to honor Trooper Sepp. Governor Mark Schweiker noted, "Trooper Sepp did not swerve from the path of duty, and for that every Pennsylvanian is in his debt."

(4) Trooper Sepp served his Commonwealth and community with courage and distinction.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on 17th Street over State Route 56 in Windber Borough, Somerset County, is hereby designated the Trooper Joseph Sepp Memorial Bridge.

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

#### Section 15. Betty Ann Townes Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares:

(1) Betty Ann Townes was born in Mount Holly, Virginia, the fourth child and oldest daughter of Deacon Elton Roane and Deaconess Lucille Roane.

(2) Mrs. Townes was a longtime community leader and political activist.

(3) Mrs. Townes was an active member of Christian Stronghold Baptist Church, where she served on numerous ministries and was a Bible school and Sunday school teacher.

(4) Mrs. Townes was the Block Captain of Sylvania Street, Past Ward Leader of the 12th Ward, a Democratic State Committee Person and political liaison for former mayors John F. Street and Wilson Goode.

(5) Mrs. Townes assisted State and local elected officials of all branches of government and recently worked alongside Representative Rosita C. Youngblood to save Happy Hollows Playground.

(6) Mrs. Townes lived out her life dream and owned her very own soul food restaurant named Knappy Knicky's, which she opened in 1993 at Wayne Avenue and Seymour Street in Germantown. The restaurant was known for chitlin hoagies, great food and family service.

(7) The community considered her restaurant to be a safe haven. If a member of the community were in need of food, clothing, jobs or shelter, Mrs. Townes was always there to help.

(8) Mrs. Townes started a culinary arts training program beside her restaurant that educated youth and the unemployed community.

(9) After tirelessly serving her community as a leader and political activist, Mrs. Townes passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the age of 69.

(b) Designation.—The section of State Route 30, from Clarissa Street to Chelten Avenue, in Philadelphia County is hereby designated the Betty Ann Townes Memorial Highway.

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

#### Section 16. Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings and declarations.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe was born on November 7, 1957, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and passed away at 54 years of age on March 2, 2012, of natural causes.

(2) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe proudly and courageously served his country in the United States Army for 36 years.

(3) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe began his career as an enlisted soldier and excelled through the ranks. When Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was an E-5 (SGT) he applied and was accepted into flight school in which he received his aviation wings at Fort Rucker, Alabama, as a Warrant Officer.

(4) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was a former Warrant Officer who received a direct commission appointment to the Medical Service Corps and was qualified in the UH-1, AH-1, UH-60, T-42, U-21 and C-12 aircraft.

(5) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was one of the most experienced Medical Service Corps aviators and was a Master Army Aviator and a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, the Bosnian War - Operation Joint Endeavor and two tours in Iraq - Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan - Operation Enduring Freedom.

(b) Designation.—The bridge that carries State Route 18, Section D10, Segment 0070, Offset 0038, over Fish Creek in New Freeport Township, Greene County, is designated as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

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

#### Section 17. 2nd Lieutenant Carol Ann Drazba and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Carol Ann Drazba was born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, on December 23, 1943.

(2) 2nd Lt. Drazba graduated from Dunmore High School in 1961. After high school she decided to attend nursing school. During her second year at nursing school she joined the United States Army.

(3) 2nd Lt. Drazba completed her basic training at Ft. Sam Houston. She was then assigned to Ft. Huachuca in Arizona.

(4) As the war in Vietnam was escalating and the need for medical personnel grew momentously, 2nd Lt. Drazba volunteered for service in Vietnam.

(5) 2nd Lt. Drazba arrived in Vietnam in November of 1965 and was assigned to the 3rd Field Hospital near Saigon.

(6) After weeks of endless hours in the surgical ward, 2nd Lt. Drazba received a weekend pass for rest and recuperation (R and R). On her way for R and R the helicopter she was being transported in crashed.

(7) 2nd Lt. Drazba died February 18, 1966. She was the first American female to be killed in action during the Vietnam War. At the time of her death, 2nd Lt. Drazba had a reputation as an excellent operating nurse in the Army.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 2020 over Interstate 81 in the Borough of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, is hereby designated as the 2nd Lieutenant Carol Ann Drazba and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 18. Effective date.

This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) Sections 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of July, A.D. 2014

TOM CORBETT