

No. 2017-27

AN ACT

SB 289

Designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Frederick Bridges Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, as the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, as the Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on State Route 26 over Bald Eagle Creek, Howard Township, Centre County, as the Howard Area Veterans Bridge.

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

Section 1. Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The bridge located on old State Route 22 that connects Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, and Derry Township, Westmoreland County, over the Conemaugh River is hereby designated the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(b) 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 2. John Frederick Bridges Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) John Frederick Bridges graduated from the Tyrone Area School District and enlisted in the United States Army in September 1942.

(2) Sergeant Bridges served with distinction in the 778th Tank Battalion, part of General George Patton's 3rd Army Division, until his death on March 7, 1945, while in action in Germany.

(3) Sergeant Bridges was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster for giving his life and protecting his men.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, is hereby designated the John Frederick Bridges 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 3. PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Private First Class Brent A. McClellan was born on March 18, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George McClellan, Jr., in Clarksville, Greene County.

(2) In 1963, PFC McClellan graduated from Jefferson-Morgan High School in Jefferson, Greene County.

(3) In May 1965, PFC McClellan was drafted into the United States Army to undertake basic training and advanced infantry training.

(4) Upon the completion of his training, PFC McClellan was selected to serve in the Honor Guard at Fort Myers, Virginia, near Washington D.C., during which time he was chosen to stand by the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

(5) In December 1965, PFC McClellan was deployed to Vietnam, where he was assigned as an infantryman to the 1st Platoon, B Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, during the Vietnam Conflict.

(6) On February 28, 1966, at 21 years of age, PFC McClellan was killed in an ambush by hostile forces during Operation Masher, also known as Operation White Wing, in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam.

(7) PFC McClellan's awards include the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

(b) Designation.—The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, located on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, is hereby designated the PFC Brent A. McClellan 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. Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) On March 27, 1977, Specialist Dale J. Kridlo was born to Albert Kridlo and Michelle Shymanski Dale in the City of Scranton.

(2) Specialist Kridlo was a graduate of Pittston Area High School and worked as a local painting contractor before enlisting in the United States Army.

(3) After joining the United States Army, Specialist Kridlo was assigned to the 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

(4) On November 7, 2010, at the age of 33, Specialist Kridlo was killed in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

(5) For his military service, Specialist Kridlo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, is hereby designated the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo 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 5. U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Bald Eagle Township and Mill Hall Borough wish to honor a fallen soldier of Clinton County who served our nation in the armed forces.

(2) David M. Collins was born on March 3, 1969, and was raised in Lock Haven.

(3) After graduating from Lock Haven High School in 1988, he enlisted in the United States Navy.

(4) Over the course of his career, Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins completed deployments to South America, Iraq and Afghanistan, having served in the first Gulf War, the Iraq War and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(5) Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins' personal awards and decorations include a Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Valor, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, eight Navy Good Conduct Medals and numerous service and campaign awards.

(6) After 25 years of service, Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins retired in September 2012 from the United States Navy.

(7) Upon retirement, Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins worked for Blackbird Technologies.

(8) On March 12, 2014, at 45 years of age, Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins passed away in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

(9) Chief Petty Officer David M. Collins is survived by his wife, Jennifer M. Collins, children, Grace and Samuel Collins, mother, Rose Ann Mc Nerney, sister, Lari Ann Collins, and brother, Thomas Collins.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, is designated the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins 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 6. Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Upon Williamsport's incorporation as a city on January 15, 1866, the city sought the appointment of a regular police force.

(2) Alexander M. McFadden, a native of Loyalsock Township, was named the first Chief of Police of the City of Williamsport on July 2, 1866, and served until May 23, 1867.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, is hereby designated the Alexander M. McFadden 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. Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Private First Class Henry Lue Weaver was a native of Plumville, Indiana County, and graduated from Marion Center Area High School.

(2) PFC Weaver was drafted into the United States Army in August 1966 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

(3) On April 22, 1967, PFC Weaver was killed in action in South Vietnam while serving with the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division.

(4) While growing up in Plumville, PFC Weaver walked across the bridge being designated in his honor almost daily.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek in Plumville Borough, Indiana County, is designated the Henry Lue Weaver 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 8. Howard Area Veterans Bridge.

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

(1) Howard Township residents wish to honor the citizens of Centre County who have served or are currently serving our nation in the armed forces.

(2) Centre County residents served in every major United States military conflict beginning with the Revolutionary War.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 26 in Howard Township, Centre County, over Bald Eagle Creek is hereby designated the Howard Area Veterans 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 9. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 20th day of July, A.D. 2017

TOM WOLF