

No. 2014-197

AN ACT

HB 1135

Designating a bridge that carries State Route 153 over the Bennett Branch in Huston Township, Clearfield County, as the Huston Township Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating U.S. Route 219 in Johnsonburg Borough, Elk County, from the intersection of State Route 1009, Center Street, starting at roadway segment 0502 offset 0000 to the intersection of State Route 1009, Center Street, ending at roadway segment 0522 offset 1159, as the Veterans of Johnsonburg Bypass; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 1001 between Rhawn Street, 0100/0000 and Kendrick Street, 0100/2784 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, as the Firefighter Daniel Sweeney Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 between Maple Avenue and Meetinghouse Road, in Montgomery County, as the Lieutenant Joseph C. Park II Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 272 in Lancaster County, south of State Route 372 and before Osceola Road, as the Staff Sergeant Keith A. Bennett Memorial Highway; designating a portion of U.S. Route 1, City Avenue in Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties from its intersection with Presidential Boulevard to its intersection with Monument Road as Ed Bradley Way; providing for the redesignation of the Easton-Phillipsburg Toll Bridge operated by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission as the Sergeant William John Cahir Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of PA Route 191 in Washington Township, Northampton County, as the "World War II Homefront Heroes Highway"; renaming the Hokendauqua Bridge in Lehigh County as the Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Lynch Memorial Bridge; renaming the Main Street Bridge in Brockway Borough, Jefferson County, as the Ensign USN Connie Rita Esposito Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge carrying State Route 1008 known as Pompey Hill Road, over the Stonycreek River in Quemahoning and Stonycreek Townships, Somerset County, as the Private John W. Mostoller Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 271 over the South Branch Blacklick Creek, Nanty Glo Borough, Cambria County, as the Platoon Sergeant Alfred McCullough Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 181 over the Conewago Creek, between Newberry Township and East Manchester Township, York County, as the SP4 Randy Stephen Schell Memorial Bridge; and designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 144 in Centre County as the PFC Donald Ray Lucas Memorial Highway.

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

Section 1. Huston Township Veterans Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Huston Township, Clearfield County, has been home to many valiant military veterans who have given their lives in defense of the United States.

(2) The elected Board of Supervisors of Huston Township has endorsed designating this bridge in honor of those township residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation over the years.

(b) Designation.—The bridge that carries State Route 153 over the Bennett Branch in Huston Township, Clearfield County, is hereby designated as the Huston Township 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 2. Veterans of Johnsonburg Bypass.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares that the Borough of Johnsonburg has been home through the years to veterans, both living and deceased, who have served our nation valiantly.

(b) Designation.—U.S. Route 219 in Johnsonburg Borough, Elk County, from the intersection of State Route 1009, Center Street, starting at roadway segment 0502 offset 0000 to the intersection of State Route 1009, Center Street, ending at roadway segment 0522 offset 1159, is hereby designated as the Veterans of Johnsonburg Bypass.

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

Section 3. Firefighter Daniel Sweeney Memorial Highway.

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

(1) Firefighter Daniel Sweeney was a member of Ladder 10 Fire Company and resided at Tabor and Fuller in the heart of Fox Chase in the neighborhood where his parents reside.

(2) Mr. Sweeney made the ultimate sacrifice on Monday, April 9, 2012, while fighting a five-alarm fire in Kensington. In the fire, he lost his life as a result of a collapsing wall and roof. He demonstrated true courage and heroism while in the line of duty.

(3) Mr. Sweeney is survived by his father, David, who is a retired fire captain, his mother, Marian, his three sisters, Suzanne Swedlige, Sarah Sweeney and Deborah Sweeney, his brother-in-law, David Swedlige and his niece and godchild, Stacey Swedlige.

(b) Designation.—The section of Pennsylvania Route 1001 between Rhawn Street, 0100/0000 and Kendrick Street, 0100/2784 in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, is hereby designated the Firefighter Daniel Sweeney 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 4. Lieutenant Joseph C. Park II Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Lt. Park was born August 31, 1946, and lived in Horsham, Pennsylvania.

(2) Lt. Park attended Hatboro-Horsham High School and Valley Forge Military Academy before briefly attending The Pennsylvania State University.

(3) Lt. Park was a member of the polo team at the Valley Forge Military Academy and attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

(4) Lt. Park proudly and courageously served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

(5) Lt. Park was killed in Vietnam on March 28, 1968, from a hostile gunshot wound.

(6) Lt. Park was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Service Medal for his military service.

(b) Designation.—The portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 in Montgomery County between Maple Avenue and Meetinghouse Road is hereby designated as the Lieutenant Joseph C. Park II 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 5. Staff Sergeant Keith A. Bennett Memorial Highway.

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

(1) Staff Sergeant Keith A. Bennett was a proud 1991 graduate of Solanco High School.

(2) As a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Staff Sergeant Bennett was killed in action in Iraq on December 11, 2005.

(b) Designation.—The section of State Route 272 in Lancaster County, south of State Route 372 and before Osceola Road, is hereby designated the Staff Sergeant Keith A. Bennett 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 6. Ed Bradley Way.

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

(1) Mr. Ed Bradley was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Saint Thomas More Catholic Boys High School in West Philadelphia in 1959.

(2) Mr. Bradley graduated from Cheyney State College, now Cheyney University, in 1964 with a degree in education and his first job was teaching sixth grade at William B. Mann Elementary School in Philadelphia.

(3) Mr. Bradley started reporting the news at WDAS-FM and, in 1971, this led him to a full-time job at WCBS in New York.

(4) In 1972, Mr. Bradley volunteered to be transferred to Saigon to cover the Vietnam War in Vietnam and Cambodia, where he was injured by a mortar round.

(5) In 1976, Mr. Bradley became the first African-American White House television correspondent for CBS News.

(6) In 1981, Mr. Bradley joined the television program 60 Minutes, where, over the course of his 26 years on the program, he did over 500 stories.

(7) Mr. Bradley also hosted the Peabody award-winning program "Jazz at Lincoln Center" on National Public Radio for more than ten years, until his death in 2006.

(b) Designation.—The portion of U.S. Route 1, City Avenue in Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties from its intersection with Presidential Boulevard to its intersection with Monument Road is hereby designated as Ed Bradley Way.

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

Section 7. Sergeant William John Cahir Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) William John Cahir, a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, worked as a newspaper correspondent for the Express-Times, providing news coverage to Warren and Hunterdon Counties in New Jersey and Lehigh and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania, and for Newhouse News Service, during which time his work regularly appeared in numerous New Jersey-based newspapers; and

(2) Throughout his life, William Cahir was committed to public service, working for United States Senator Edward Kennedy and United States Senator Harris Wofford, and running for the Congress of the United States in Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District in 2008; and

(3) After the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, William Cahir enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve at the age of 34, where he went to great lengths to obtain an age waiver and eventually rose to the rank of sergeant; and

(4) Sergeant Cahir was assigned to the 4th Civil Affairs Group, Marine Forces Reserve based in Washington, D.C., completed two tours in Iraq and, in 2009, was deployed for a tour in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom; and

(5) On August 13, 2009, while completing his third tour, Sergeant Cahir was tragically shot and killed by enemy fire while on a dismounted patrol during Eastern Resolve II, a predawn offensive operation in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, that was intended to cut Taliban trade and supply lines in order to allow local residents to vote in the Afghan presidential election; and

(6) For his heroism, Sergeant Cahir received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and other decorations; and

(7) Sergeant Cahir is survived by his wife, Rene, who at the time of his death was pregnant with their twin daughters, Caroline and Elizabeth; and

(8) The Easton-Phillipsburg Toll Bridge, operated by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, connects the counties in New Jersey and Pennsylvania that were served by the newspaper for which Sergeant Cahir reported; and

(9) It is altogether fitting and proper for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to honor the life and sacrifice of Sergeant William John Cahir by designating the U.S. Route 22 bridge over the Delaware River between Easton, Pennsylvania, and Phillipsburg, New Jersey, known as the Easton-Phillipsburg Toll Bridge, as the Sergeant William John Cahir Memorial Bridge.

(b) Redesignation.—The Executive Director of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission shall designate the U.S. Route 22 bridge crossing the Delaware River between Easton, Pennsylvania, and Phillipsburg, New Jersey, known as the Easton-Phillipsburg Toll Bridge, as the Sergeant

William John Cahir Memorial Bridge and erect appropriate signs bearing this name.

(c) Prohibition.—No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing or erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to subsection (b).

Section 8. Publication.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey enacts a law designating the bridge described in section 7 as the Sergeant William John Cahir Memorial Bridge.

Section 9. World War II Homefront Heroes Highway.

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

(1) The dedication of the American people during World War II was crucial in supplying and aiding both American and Allied forces engaged in battle on two global theaters.

(2) The American citizens at home sacrificed by rationing materials, recycling goods, purchasing War Bonds and tirelessly working longer hours in factories, mines, mills, farms and many other industries to keep the war effort moving forward.

(3) With many young men serving in the armed forces, American women were quick to step up and take jobs in industries that were considered reserved for men only, and subsequently made "Rosie the Riveter" a popular, and now classic, American icon.

(4) Civilian support for the armed forces and defense of the nation spurred the establishment of numerous groups and organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard Auxiliary and United Service Organizations (USO), which exist to this day.

(5) Through their steadfast dedication and support, United States citizens at home were able to keep American and Allied forces supplied with materials and morale, which was instrumental in achieving victory and ending one of the deadliest wars in the history of human existence.

(b) Designation.—That portion of Pennsylvania Route 191 in Washington Township, Northampton County, from the Bangor Borough line to the Plainfield Township line is hereby designated as the World War II Homefront Heroes Highway.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs to traffic in both directions to indicate the designation under subsection (b).

Section 10. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Lynch Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Lynch was born in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, on December 9, 1916.

(2) Lt. Col. Thomas J. Lynch served our country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

(3) Lt. Col. Thomas J. Lynch shot down 20 Japanese planes during his service over the Pacific Ocean and was one of the top three fighter aces in World War II before he was shot down while attacking a number of enemy barges transporting weapons.

(4) Lt. Col. Thomas J. Lynch will hereby be remembered for his high level of skill as a fighter pilot and his devotion to defending our country.

(b) Change of name.—The bridge in Lehigh County, known as the Hokendauqua Bridge, is hereby renamed the Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Lynch 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. Ensign USN Connie Rita Esposito Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) United States Navy Nurse Corps (NNC) Ensign (ENS) Constance Rita Esposito was born in Brockway, Pennsylvania, on September 7, 1923.

(2) USN NNC ENS Constance Rita Esposito served our country in the United States Navy during the Korean War Era.

(3) On September 19, 1950, USN NNC ENS Constance Rita Esposito was killed when the military transport plane she was on crashed into the Pacific Ocean while enroute to the United States Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. The aircraft crashed and exploded shortly after taking off from Kwajalein Island. All 26 naval personnel on board lost their lives in the crash.

(4) USN NNC ENS Constance Rita Esposito will hereby be remembered for her strength and courage in serving others and defending America's freedoms.

(b) Change of name.—The bridge in Brockway Borough, Jefferson County, known as the Main Street Bridge, is hereby renamed the Ensign USN Connie Rita Esposito Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 12. Private John W. Mostoller Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Private John W. Mostoller was a native of the village of Mostoller, Somerset County, and following graduation from high school, enlisted in the Union Army.

(2) Private Mostoller served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1864, by reason of muster out of company while holding the grade of private, in Company B, Fifty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers.

(3) Private Mostoller received a medal of honor on November 27, 1894, for most distinguished gallantry at the battle of Lynchburg, Virginia.

(4) When the officers of his company were absent or disabled, Private Mostoller voluntarily led a charge upon a Confederate battery.

(5) His name was entered and recorded on the Army and Navy Medal of Honor Roll on June 10, 1916.

(6) Private Mostoller was a guest of the War Department at the entombment of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery,

when he participated along with a number of other veterans of the Civil War from other states.

(7) The Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Private Mostoller during the Civil War was presented to Somerset County and is displayed inside the Union Street entrance to the Somerset County Courthouse. It is the only Congressional Medal of Honor won by a Somerset County soldier in the Civil War.

(8) Private Mostoller, beloved son of Joseph and Sarah (Mowry) Mostoller, courageously served his country and has been extolled by many for his bravery and service.

(b) Designation.—State Route 1008, known as Pompey Hill Road over the Stonycreek River in Quemahoning and Stonycreek Townships, Somerset County, is hereby designated as the Private John W. Mostoller Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under subsection (b).

Section 13. Platoon Sergeant Alfred McCullough Memorial Bridge.

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

(1) Platoon Sergeant Alfred McCullough was born in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 1935, and graduated from Nanty Glo High School, now Blacklick Valley High School, in 1954.

(2) Sergeant McCullough served our country in the United States Army and was killed in action in Vietnam on June 6, 1968.

(3) Sergeant McCullough received the Silver Star posthumously for his actions on May 13, 1968, as Acting Platoon Leader during a reconnaissance mission in which his squadron came under automatic weapon and antitank rocket fire from a heavily fortified enemy position. Sergeant McCullough moved his platoon into an assault position and launched an effective counterstrike, overrunning the enemy's positions and leading an assault on the remaining enemy rocket fire teams in the area. Though wounded during the battle, Sergeant McCullough destroyed six one-man defensive positions using fragmentation grenades.

(4) Sergeant McCullough will hereby be remembered for his leadership and bravery in battle and his service to our country.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 271 in Nanty Glo Borough, Cambria County, over the South Branch Blacklick Creek is hereby designated the Platoon Sergeant Alfred McCullough 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 14. SP4 Randy Stephen Schell Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.—

(1) SP4 Randy Stephen Schell was a native of Mount Wolf, York County, and a graduate of Northeastern High School.

(2) SP4 Schell served from 1967 to 1968 with the United States Army, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry.

(3) On June 18, 1968, in a display of selfless courage during an attack by the Viet Cong, SP4 Schell moved into an area under enemy assault and administered first aid to several wounded comrades. After

dragging his fellow soldiers to safety, SP4 Schell disregarded the great personal risk and returned to search for injured soldiers when he was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire.

(4) SP4 Schell was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

(b) Designation.—The bridge located on State Route 181 over the Conewago Creek between Newberry Township and East Manchester Township, York County, is hereby designated the SP4 Randy Stephen Schell 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 15. PFC Donald Ray Lucas Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings.—

(1) Private First Class Donald Ray Lucas was born on September 6, 1948, and was a native of Centre Hall, Pennsylvania.

(2) PFC Lucas began his sole tour of duty in Vietnam on November 15, 1968, as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

(3) PFC Lucas was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

(4) On January 12, 1969, PFC Lucas made the ultimate sacrifice in selfless service to his nation during combat operations in Quang Nam Province.

(b) Designation.—The section of Pennsylvania Route 144 in Centre County from Old Fort to Potters Mills is hereby designated the PFC Donald Ray Lucas 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. Effective date.

This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) Sections 5, 15 and this section shall take effect immediately.

(2) Section 7 shall take effect upon the publication of the notice authorized in section 8.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 31st day of October, A.D. 2014

TOM CORBETT