

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1540 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 13, 2015 (P.L.14, No.3), entitled, "An
 2 act designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-
 3 Fayette Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as
 4 Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R.
 5 Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that
 6 portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the
 7 Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as
 8 the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a
 9 portion of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through
 10 St. Clair Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans
 11 Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route
 12 88 over Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as
 13 the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial
 14 Bridge; designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over
 15 the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and
 16 East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan
 17 Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on
 18 State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River
 19 in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and
 20 designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also
 21 known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the
 22 Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road," further providing for
 23 the Army Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial
 24 Bridge.

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

27 Section 1. The title of the act of May 13, 2015 (P.L.14,
 28 No.3), entitled, "An act designating the interchange of State
 29 Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with State

1 Route 88, known as Exit 28, in Washington County as the Marine
2 Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge
3 on that portion of State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over
4 the Hypocrite Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as
5 the PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion
6 of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair
7 Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway;
8 designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over
9 Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army
10 Corporal Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial Bridge;
11 designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over the east
12 branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and East Caln
13 Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan Miller
14 Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State Route
15 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River in Newport,
16 Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and designating a
17 portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also known as Bath Road,
18 in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the Sergeant George
19 Stuckey Memorial Road," is amended to read:

20 An Act

21 Designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette
22 Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28,
23 in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty
24 Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of
25 State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite
26 Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC
27 LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; designating a portion of
28 State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair
29 Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway;
30 designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 88 over

1 Muddy Creek, Cumberland Township, Greene County, as the Army
2 [Corporal] Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., Memorial
3 Bridge; designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 322 over
4 the east branch of the Brandywine Creek in West Bradford and
5 East Caln Townships, Chester County, as the Robbie and Ryan
6 Miller Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on
7 State Route 34 that connects the banks of the Juniata River
8 in Newport, Perry County, as the Paul Reider bridge; and
9 designating a portion of State Route 2029 and 2049, also
10 known as Bath Road, in Bristol Township, Bucks County, as the
11 Sergeant George Stuckey Memorial Road.

12 Section 2. Section 4 of the act is amended to read:

13 Section 4. Army [Corporal] Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski,
14 Jr., Memorial Bridge.

15 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
16 follows:

17 (1) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., was born on March 31,
18 1973, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

19 (2) Richard W. Kowalewski, Jr., enlisted in the United
20 States Army and completed basic training in June 1992.

21 (3) [Corporal] Specialist Kowalewski was later assigned
22 to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

23 (4) As part of a United Nations peace keeping operation,
24 [Corporal] Specialist Kowalewski was deployed to Somalia in
25 August 1993.

26 (5) On October 3, 1993, [Corporal] Specialist
27 Kowalewski, along with 17 other men, were killed in the
28 Battle of Mogadishu. During the battle, a group of Somalis,
29 armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades,
30 ambushed [Corporal] Specialist Kowalewski's convoy while in

1 route to rescue downed pilots of a Black Hawk helicopter.

2 (6) The encounter has been described as one of our
3 country's most violent firefights since Vietnam. The battle
4 was later depicted in the famous novel and movie "Black Hawk
5 Down."

6 (7) For his heroic actions during battle, [Corporal]
7 Specialist Kowalewski was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with
8 Valor and the Purple Heart.

9 (b) Designation.--The Bridge located on State Route 88 in
10 Cumberland Township, Greene County, Section Q10, Segment
11 0300/0000, Structure Number S-31843, over Muddy Creek is hereby
12 designated the Army [Corporal] Specialist Richard W. Kowalewski,
13 Jr., Memorial Bridge.

14 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
15 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the
16 bridge designated in subsection (b).

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.