

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 178 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, READSHAW, FREEMAN, KINSEY, KNOWLES,
DiGIROLAMO, THOMAS, HENNESSEY, CONKLIN, CAUSER, COHEN,
TOEPEL, YOUNGBLOOD, CALTAGIRONE, BROWNLEE, BARRAR, HAHN,
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MILLARD, DUSH, GRELL, O'NEILL, D. COSTA, MURT, FARINA,
SCHWEYER, JOZWIAK, GABLER, M. K. KELLER, MAJOR, GIBBONS,
McCARTER, SONNEY, KORTZ, ENGLISH, DAVIS AND MARSHALL,
JANUARY 23, 2015

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, APRIL 14, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating the interchange of State Route 43 at the Mon-Fayette
2 Expressway Interchange with State Route 88, known as Exit 28,
3 in Washington County as the Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty
4 Memorial Interchange; designating a bridge on that portion of
5 State Route 1013, known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite
6 Creek, Fairfield Township, Westmoreland County, as the PFC
7 LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge; ~~and~~ designating a portion <--
8 of State Route 711 in New Florence Borough through St. Clair
9 Township, Westmoreland County, as the Veterans Highway-; ~~AND~~ <--
10 DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 88 OVER
11 MUDDY CREEK, CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP, GREENE COUNTY, AS THE ARMY
12 CORPORAL RICHARD W. KOWALEWSKI, JR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE-; ~~AND~~ <--
13 DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE CARRYING STATE U.S. ROUTE 322 OVER THE <--
14 EAST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE CREEK IN WEST BRADFORD AND EAST
15 CALN TOWNSHIPS, CHESTER COUNTY, AS THE ROBBIE AND RYAN MILLER
16 MEMORIAL BRIDGE-; DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE <--
17 ROUTE 34 THAT CONNECTS THE BANKS OF THE JUNIATA RIVER IN
18 NEWPORT, PERRY COUNTY, AS THE PAUL REIDER BRIDGE; AND
19 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 2029 AND 2049, ALSO
20 KNOWN AS BATH ROAD, IN BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, AS THE
21 SERGEANT GEORGE STUCKEY MEMORIAL ROAD.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

1 Section 1. Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange.

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

4 (1) Thomas Richard Matty was born on October 4, 1945, in
5 Denbo, Pennsylvania.

6 (2) He was a 1963 graduate of Bethlehem Center High
7 School where he excelled in many sports, especially baseball.
8 He received a business administration degree from the
9 Educational Institute of Pittsburgh in 1965.

10 (3) Thomas R. Matty enlisted in the United States Marine
11 Corps in 1966. He attended boot camp training at Parris
12 Island and additional training at Camp Lejeune and at El
13 Toro, California. He arrived in Vietnam on November 9, 1967.

14 (4) Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty made the ultimate
15 sacrifice for his country when he was killed in the vicinity
16 of Quang Nam Province in South Vietnam on December 21,
17 1967, at 22 years of age.

18 (5) Bethlehem Center High School continues to honor
19 Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty by giving an award to a senior
20 class member in his honor.

21 (b) Designation.--The interchange of State Route 43 in
22 Washington County at the Mon-Fayette Expressway Interchange with
23 State Route 88, known as Exit 28, is hereby designated the
24 Marine Cpl. Thomas R. Matty Memorial Interchange.

25 (c) Signs.--The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission shall erect
26 and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
27 interchange.

28 Section 2. PFC LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Memorial Bridge.

29 (a) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1013,
30 known as Knupp Road, over the Hypocrite Creek, in Fairfield

1 Township, Westmoreland County, is hereby designated the PFC
2 LeRoy D. "Whitey" Schaller Bridge.

3 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
4 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
5 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

6 Section 3. Veterans Highway.

7 (a) Designation.--The portion of State Route 711 commencing
8 at the intersection of Ligonier Street and 13th Street in New
9 Florence Borough, Westmoreland County, and continuing through
10 St. Clair Township at the Seward Borough line, is hereby
11 designated the Veterans Highway.

12 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
13 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
14 traffic in both directions on the highway.

15 SECTION 4. ARMY CORPORAL RICHARD W. KOWALEWSKI, JR., MEMORIAL <--
16 BRIDGE.

17 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
18 FOLLOWS:

19 (1) RICHARD W. KOWALEWSKI, JR., WAS BORN ON MARCH 31,
20 1973, IN WAYNESBURG.

21 (2) RICHARD W. KOWALEWSKI, JR., ENLISTED IN THE UNITED
22 STATES ARMY AND COMPLETED BASIC TRAINING IN JUNE 1992.

23 (3) CORPORAL KOWALEWSKI WAS LATER ASSIGNED TO THE 3RD
24 BATTALION, 75TH RANGER REGIMENT.

25 (4) AS PART OF A UNITED NATIONS PEACE KEEPING OPERATION,
26 CORPORAL KOWALEWSKI WAS DEPLOYED TO SOMALIA IN AUGUST 1993.

27 (5) ON OCTOBER 3, 1993, CORPORAL KOWALEWSKI, ALONG WITH
28 17 OTHER MEN, WERE KILLED IN THE BATTLE OF MOGADISHU. DURING
29 THE BATTLE, A GROUP OF SOMALIS, ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS
30 AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, AMBUSHED CORPORAL KOWALEWSKI'S

1 CONVOY WHILE IN ROUTE TO RESCUE DOWNED PILOTS OF A BLACK HAWK
2 HELICOPTER.

3 (6) THE ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE OF OUR
4 COUNTRY'S MOST VIOLENT FIREFIGHTS SINCE VIETNAM. THE BATTLE
5 WAS LATER DEPICTED IN THE FAMOUS NOVEL AND MOVIE "BLACK HAWK
6 DOWN."

7 (7) FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS DURING BATTLE, CORPORAL
8 KOWALEWSKI WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH VALOR AND
9 THE PURPLE HEART.

10 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 88 IN
11 CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP, GREENE COUNTY, SECTION Q10, SEGMENT
12 0300/0000, STRUCTURE NUMBER S-31843, OVER MUDDY CREEK IS HEREBY
13 DESIGNATED THE ARMY CORPORAL RICHARD W. KOWALEWSKI, JR.,
14 MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

15 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
16 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS WHICH SHALL DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE
17 BRIDGE DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (B).
18 SECTION 5. ROBBIE AND RYAN MILLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

19 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 (1) BROTHERS ROBERT "ROBBIE" AND RYAN MILLER WERE VERY
22 WELL-RESPECTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS
23 DEVOTION TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

24 (2) ROBBIE AND RYAN MILLER SERVED AS VOLUNTEER
25 FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE WEST BRADFORD FIRE COMPANY, THE WEST
26 CHESTER GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY AND THE EAST BRANDYWINE FIRE
27 COMPANY.

28 (3) ROBBIE MILLER WAS KILLED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ON
29 MAY 2, 2013.

30 (4) TRAGICALLY, RYAN MILLER WAS ALSO KILLED IN A

1 MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ON JULY 19, 2014.

2 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE CARRYING ~~STATE~~ U.S. ROUTE 322 <--
3 OVER THE EAST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE CREEK IN WEST BRADFORD
4 AND EAST CALN TOWNSHIPS, CHESTER COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED
5 THE ROBBIE AND RYAN MILLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

6 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
7 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS WHICH SHALL DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE
8 BRIDGE DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B).
9 SECTION 6. PAUL REIDER BRIDGE. <--

10 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
11 FOLLOWS:

12 (1) IN 1789, PAUL REIDER PURCHASED A TRACT OF LAND ON
13 THE BANKS OF THE JUNIATA RIVER FROM DAVID ENGLISH.

14 (2) OVER TIME, REIDER'S DESCENDANTS FOUNDED THE TOWN OF
15 REIDER'S FERRY AT THAT POINT ON THE JUNIATA RIVER, WHICH WAS
16 FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1804 AS THE TOWN OF REIDERSVILLE.

17 (3) TODAY THE TOWN OF REIDERSVILLE IS KNOWN AS NEWPORT.

18 (4) THE REIDER'S FERRY BRIDGE COMPANY, FOUNDED IN 1838,
19 CONSTRUCTED A COVERED BRIDGE IN 1851 SPANNING THE JUNIATA
20 RIVER CONNECTING NEWPORT TO HOWE TOWNSHIP.

21 (5) THAT BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED IN AN 1889 FLOOD AND
22 REPLACED WITH ANOTHER COVERED BRIDGE.

23 (6) IN 1903, THE COVERED BRIDGE WAS REPLACED WITH AN
24 IRON BRIDGE.

25 (7) IN 1934, THE IRON BRIDGE WAS REPLACED WITH A STEEL
26 BRIDGE, WHICH HAS REMAINED UNNAMED.

27 (8) THE NEWPORT CELEBRATES 175 STEERING COMMITTEE AND
28 THE NEWPORT REVITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY BOTH HAVE
29 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THIS COMMUNITY FOUNDER IS DESERVING OF
30 COMMEMORATIVE ACTION.

1 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 34 THAT
2 CONNECTS THE BANKS OF THE JUNIATA RIVER IN NEWPORT, PERRY
3 COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE PAUL REIDER 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 BRIDGE.

7 SECTION 7. SERGEANT GEORGE STUCKEY MEMORIAL ROAD.

8 (A) FINDINGS.--

9 (1) SERGEANT GEORGE F. STUCKEY WAS BORN JUNE 29, 1939,
10 IN MICHIGAN AND CAME TO THE BUCKS COUNTY AREA WHEN HE WAS A
11 CHILD. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF DELHAAS HIGH SCHOOL.

12 (2) SERGEANT STUCKEY WAS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE
13 BRISTOL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SERVED FOR SEVEN
14 YEARS. HE HELD THE RANK OF DETECTIVE FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE
15 BECOMING ACTING SERGEANT IN THE DETECTIVE DIVISION. HE SERVED
16 AS THE DEPARTMENT'S PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERT.

17 (3) SERGEANT STUCKEY MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON
18 MARCH 29, 1972, WHEN HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE LINE OF
19 DUTY WHILE STOPPING A VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A BANK ROBBERY
20 ALONG BATH ROAD IN BRISTOL TOWNSHIP. THE SHOOTING OCCURRED
21 ONLY A COUPLE HUNDRED FEET FROM THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

22 (4) SERGEANT STUCKEY WAS THE FIRST POLICE OFFICER IN
23 BUCKS COUNTY TO BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

24 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2029, KNOWN AS
25 BATH ROAD, THAT RUNS BETWEEN US ROUTE 13 (SEGMENT 10) TO OXFORD
26 VALLEY ROAD (SEGMENT 40) AND THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2049,
27 ALSO KNOWN AS BATH ROAD, THAT RUNS BETWEEN OXFORD VALLEY ROAD
28 (SEGMENT 10) TO STATE ROUTE 413 (SEGMENT 40) IN BRISTOL
29 TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE SERGEANT
30 GEORGE STUCKEY MEMORIAL ROAD.

1 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
2 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
3 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

4 Section 4 5 6 8. Effective date.

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5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.