

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1219 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, MAY 2, 2016

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, JULY 1, 2016

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 663 in Montgomery County as
2 the Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway; <--
3 DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 100 FROM HEREFORD
4 TOWNSHIP AT THE LEHIGH COUNTY LINE THROUGH WASHINGTON
5 TOWNSHIP IN BERKS COUNTY AS THE FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R.
6 GENDEBIEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE
7 ROUTE 2026, ALSO KNOWN AS BLAIR MILL ROAD, IN MONTGOMERY
8 COUNTY AS THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL
9 HIGHWAY; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON A PORTION OF SHEEP BRIDGE
10 ROAD OVER I-83, NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, AS THE STAFF
11 SGT. JASON M. FALEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON
12 THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 879 OVER TROUT RUN IN GOSHEN
13 TOWNSHIP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, AS THE PRIVATE DAVID KYLE
14 MCCRACKEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE
15 ROUTE 2034 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS THE CPL. CARL F. HYNEK III
16 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE
17 2005 IN DREXEL HILL, DELAWARE COUNTY, AS THE OFFICER DENNIS
18 MCNAMARA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

21 Section 1. Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway.

22 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
23 follows:

24 (1) On March 28, 1968, in the Quang Tri Province, South
25 Vietnam, Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas was performing his
26 assigned duty as an infantryman on the battlefield.

1 (2) During these operations, Army Specialist Hass and
2 his infantry came under fire.

3 (3) Army Specialist Haas fought bravely and was mortally
4 wounded during the firefight, later being pronounced dead at
5 a hospital in Vietnam.

6 (b) Designation.--That the portion of State Route 663 from
7 the Bucks County line, through Pennsburg Borough to the end of
8 Upper Hanover Township in Montgomery County, is hereby
9 designated the Army Specialist Ray Ira Haas Memorial Highway.

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

13 SECTION 2. FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM RAYMOND GENDEBIEN MEMORIAL <--
14 HIGHWAY.

15 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
16 FOLLOWS:

17 (1) ON OCTOBER 26, 1965, IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, SOUTH
18 VIETNAM, VFMA 115 WAS PERFORMING COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST
19 HOSTILE FORCES.

20 (2) FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. GENDEBIEN WAS PERFORMING
21 HIS ASSIGNED DUTY AS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER FROM AN AIRCRAFT
22 WITH THE ASSIGNED CREW IN SUPPORT OF VFMA 115 IN THEIR COMBAT
23 OPERATIONS.

24 (3) DURING THESE OPERATIONS, HOSTILE ACTIONS DOWNED THE
25 AIRCRAFT WITH ITS CREW AND IT MADE A CRASH LANDING.

26 (4) FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. GENDEBIEN DIED IN THE
27 CRASH OF THE AIRCRAFT.

28 (B) DESIGNATION.--THAT THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 100 FROM
29 HEREFORD TOWNSHIP AT THE LEHIGH COUNTY LINE THROUGH WASHINGTON
30 TOWNSHIP IN BERKS COUNTY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE FIRST

1 LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. GENDEBIEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

5 SECTION 3. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

6 (A) FINDINGS.--

7 (1) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL T. WRIGHT WAS A RESIDENT OF
8 WILLOW GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA, BEFORE ENLISTING IN THE UNITED
9 STATES ARMY.

10 (2) PFC WRIGHT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 3RD PLATOON, C
11 COMPANY, 26TH ENGINEER BATTALION, AMERICAL DIVISION OF THE
12 UNITED STATES ARMY IN VIETNAM.

13 (3) WHILE VALIANTLY SERVING HIS COUNTRY, PFC WRIGHT, AT
14 20 YEARS OF AGE, WAS KILLED BY AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ON APRIL
15 3, 1968, IN THE QUANG NGAI PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

16 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2026, ALSO
17 KNOWN AS BLAIR MILL ROAD, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FROM EASTON ROAD
18 TO HORSHAM ROAD IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
19 PAUL T. WRIGHT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

23 SECTION 4. STAFF SGT. JASON M. FALEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

24 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
25 FOLLOWS:

26 (1) STAFF SERGEANT JASON MATTHEW FALEY WAS BORN ON MAY
27 19, 1973 AND GRADUATED FROM RED LAND HIGH SCHOOL IN 1991.

28 (2) HE WAS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
29 FORCE, SPECIAL OPERATIONS TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY, SERVING
30 WITH THE 5TH SPECIAL FORCES STATIONED AT FORT CAMPBELL,

1 KENTUCKY, SUPPORTING THE 101ST AIRBORNE FORCES.

2 (3) STAFF SERGEANT JASON M. FALEY WAS KILLED IN KUWAIT
3 ON MARCH 12, 2001.

4 (4) PRIOR TO HIS DEATH, HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS MEDALS AND
5 COMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE
6 ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL,
7 THE AIRBORNE PARACHUTIST BADGE, THE MILITARY FREE FALL BADGE,
8 THE AIR ASSAULT BADGE AND THE PATHFINDER BADGE. HE WAS ALSO
9 RANGER CERTIFIED AND A GRADUATE OF AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL.

10 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD IN
11 NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY, OVER I-83 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED
12 THE STAFF SGT. JASON M. FALEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

13 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
14 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
15 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

16 SECTION 5. PRIVATE DAVID KYLE MCCRACKEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

17 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

18 (A) FINDINGS.--

19 (1) DAVID KYLE MCCRACKEN WAS BORN MARCH 12, 1924, TO J.
20 WARD AND MARGARET JANE KYLER MCCRACKEN OF SHAWVILLE,
21 CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

22 (2) MR. MCCRACKEN GRADUATED FROM CLEARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
23 IN 1942 AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS UNTIL
24 MARCH 1943, WHEN HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY.

25 (3) PRIVATE MCCRACKEN RECEIVED BASIC TRAINING AT CAMP
26 WALTERS, TEXAS, AND WAS SENT TO NORTH AFRICA IN SEPTEMBER
27 1943 AS A MEMBER OF THE 15TH ENGINEERS COMBAT BATTALION, 9TH
28 DIVISION.

29 (4) PRIVATE MCCRACKEN WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND,
30 ITALY, FRANCE AND GERMANY.

1 (5) ON DECEMBER 31, 1944, PRIVATE MCCRACKEN MADE THE
2 ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR HIS COUNTRY WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN
3 ACTION IN BELGIUM.

4 (6) PRIVATE MCCRACKEN IS THE RECIPIENT OF A PURPLE
5 HEART.

6 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 879 OVER
7 TROUT RUN IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, IS HEREBY
8 DESIGNATED THE PRIVATE DAVID KYLE MCCRACKEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

9 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
10 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
11 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

12 SECTION 6. CPL. CARL F. HYNEK III MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

13 (A) FINDINGS.--

14 (1) CPL. CARL HYNEK WAS BORN AND RAISED IN UPPER
15 MORELAND TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

16 (2) CPL. CARL HYNEK WAS DRAFTED INTO THE UNITED STATES
17 ARMY AFTER HIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND SERVED IN VIETNAM
18 WITH THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.

19 (3) CPL. CARL HYNEK WAS KILLED ON OCTOBER 5, 1967, IN
20 QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM, AT 22 YEARS OF AGE FROM WOUNDS HE
21 RECEIVED IN AN INTENSE FIREFIGHT WITH ENEMY FORCES.

22 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2034 IN
23 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FROM TERWOOD ROAD TO MORELAND ROAD IS HEREBY
24 DESIGNATED THE CPL. CARL F. HYNEK III MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

28 SECTION 7. OFFICER DENNIS MCNAMARA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

29 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
30 FOLLOWS:

1 (1) OFFICER DENNIS MCNAMARA WAS BORN JULY 4, 1958, AND
2 GRADUATED FROM WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

3 (2) OFFICER MCNAMARA SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
4 FORCE FROM FEBRUARY 1981 TO FEBRUARY 1987 WHERE HE DEVELOPED
5 A BACKGROUND IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND WAS A LINGUIST IN
6 SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES.

7 (3) OFFICER MCNAMARA JOINED THE UPPER DARBY POLICE FORCE
8 IN JULY 1993 WHERE HE SERVED FOR EIGHT YEARS BEFORE GIVING
9 HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

10 (4) ON JANUARY 30, 2002, OFFICER MCNAMARA WAS
11 INVESTIGATING A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE AND OCCUPANT IN THE
12 CARDINGTON SECTION OF UPPER DARBY BEFORE BEING FATALLY
13 WOUNDED AS HE EXITED HIS VEHICLE.

14 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 2005, KNOWN AS
15 LANSDOWNE AVENUE, DELAWARE COUNTY, FROM STATE ROAD TO SCHOOL
16 LANE IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE OFFICER DENNIS MCNAMARA MEMORIAL
17 HIGHWAY.

18 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
19 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE ROAD TO
20 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE ROAD.

21 Section 2 8. Effective date.

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22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.