

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 925 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY P. COSTA, KORTZ AND CALTAGIRONE, MARCH 11, 2013

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 28, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating each of the bridges that carry Lincoln Highway over
2 Electric Avenue, in North Braddock Borough, Allegheny County,
3 State Bridge No. 02 0030 0230 0001 and State Bridge No. 02
4 0030 0231 0000, as the AMVETS Memorial Bridge; DESIGNATING A <--
5 PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 662 IN RUSCOMBMANOR TOWNSHIP,
6 BERKS COUNTY, AS THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JARETT M. YODER
7 HIGHWAY; DESIGNATING A CERTAIN INTERCHANGE IN GREENE COUNTY
8 AS THE SERGEANT MICHAEL TODD MAY, MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA, INTERCHANGE; AND DESIGNATING THE
10 MURTLAND AVENUE EXIT FROM INTERSTATES 79 AND 70 ONTO STATE
11 ROUTE 19 IN WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AS THE LANCE
12 CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK, USMC, EXIT.

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

15 Section 1. AMVETS Memorial Bridge.

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

18 (1) The North Braddock AMVETS Post 60 was granted a
19 national charter by an act of Congress in February of 1946.

20 (2) Throughout the years, AMVETS Post 60 has been
21 actively involved in and around the local community. AMVETS
22 Post 60 was a cosponsor of the annual community Memorial Day

1 parade, which started in the late 1940's and lasted until the
2 early 1970's. Local fire departments, marching bands and Boy
3 Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in the parade.

4 (3) AMVETS Post 60 helped sponsor the local little
5 league, pony league and Boy Scouts and supported the local
6 volunteer fire departments, EMS services and police
7 departments.

8 (4) In the late 1970's AMVETS Post 60 took the lead in
9 restarting Memorial Day observances with other veterans'
10 organizations, and for the past 26 years has watched
11 community involvement grow.

12 (5) Since November of 2008, AMVETS Post 60 has been
13 holding a Veterans Day flag burning memorial service where
14 American Flags are properly disposed of.

15 (6) AMVETS Post 60 in North Braddock continues to serve
16 veterans and its community by offering a helping hand when
17 the need arises.

18 (b) Designation.--The bridges that carry Lincoln Highway
19 over Electric Avenue, in North Braddock Borough, Allegheny
20 County, State Bridge No. 02 0030 0230 0001 and State Bridge No.
21 02 0030 0231 0000, are each hereby designated the AMVETS
22 Memorial Bridge.

23 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
24 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridges to
25 traffic in both directions on the bridges.

26 ~~Section 2. Effective date.~~ <--

27 ~~This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

28 SECTION 2. JARETT M. YODER HIGHWAY. <--

29 (A) FINDINGS.--

30 (1) JARETT M. YODER WAS BORN IN READING ON NOVEMBER 10,

1 1986. HE WAS A 2005 GRADUATE OF OLEY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL,
2 WHERE HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETE IN MULTIPLE SPORTS. UPON
3 GRADUATING, HE ENLISTED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD
4 AND WAS DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ AS PART OF OPERATION
5 IRAQI FREEDOM IN 2008 AS A MEMBER OF C COMPANY, 1-111TH
6 INFANTRY REGIMENT, 56TH STRYKER BRIGADE. AFTER HIS RETURN IN
7 2012, JARETT REALIZED HIS LIFELONG DREAM BY EARNING HIS WINGS
8 AT ARMY AVIATION SCHOOL.

9 (2) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER WAS KILLED ON APRIL 9,
10 2013, IN NANGARHAR PROVINCE, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN,
11 WHEN THE AH-64 APACHE HELICOPTER HE COPILOTTED CRASHED FROM AN
12 UNDETERMINED CAUSE DURING AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE WHILE HE
13 WAS DEPLOYED WITH BRAVO COMPANY, 1-104TH ATTACK
14 RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, PENNSYLVANIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AS
15 PART OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

16 (3) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER WAS POSTHUMOUSLY
17 AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AIR MEDAL AND NATO MEDAL FOR
18 HIS SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN. IN ADDITION, HE WAS AWARDED THE
19 COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, COMBAT ACTION BADGE, THE
20 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE STAR AND THE IRAQ
21 CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH ONE BRONZE STAR.

22 (4) CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 YODER, THE HUSBAND OF
23 HEATHER L. GARAY-YODER, WHOM HE MARRIED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS
24 DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN, AND THE SON OF DIANE C. AND GARY
25 L. YODER, DEMONSTRATED HIS COURAGEOUS COMMITMENT TO FAMILY
26 AND COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

27 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 662 IN
28 RUSCOMBMANOR TOWNSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP BORDER WITH THE
29 BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD AND THE TOWNSHIP BORDER WITH OLEY TOWNSHIP
30 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JARETT M. YODER

1 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. THE SERGEANT MICHAEL TODD MAY, MONONGALIA COUNTY
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA, INTERCHANGE.

7 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
8 FOLLOWS:

9 (1) SGT. MICHAEL TODD MAY, A TEN-YEAR VETERAN OF THE
10 MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS KILLED IN THE
11 LINE OF DUTY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18,
12 2012.

13 (2) SGT. MAY WAS KILLED WHILE INVOLVED IN A VEHICLE
14 PURSUIT THAT HAD CROSSED OVER THE WEST VIRGINIA/PENNSYLVANIA
15 STATE LINE.

16 (3) THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE RAMMED SGT. MAY'S PATROL
17 CAR AS HE WAITED IN THE MEDIAN FOR THE PURSUIT TO REACH HIS
18 LOCATION.

19 (4) THE DRIVER WAS CONVICTED OF THIRD DEGREE MURDER,
20 HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE, HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING UNDER
21 THE INFLUENCE AND MULTIPLE OTHER COUNTS.

22 (5) SGT. MAY WAS BORN IN MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA, ON
23 APRIL 2, 1970.

24 (6) SGT. MAY WAS A 1988 GRADUATE OF MORGANTOWN HIGH
25 SCHOOL AND ATTENDED FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE
26 PURSUED A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

27 (7) AFTER COLLEGE, SGT. MAY GRADUATED FROM THE WEST
28 VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ACADEMY.

29 (8) SGT. MAY WAS EMPLOYED FOR A SHORT TIME WITH THE
30 BERKELEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEN BEGAN HIS

1 CAREER WITH THE MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE
2 HE WAS A LEAD ON THE SWAT TEAM.

3 (9) SGT. MAY ALSO WORKED AT THE EASTERN REGIONAL
4 CORRECTIONS FACILITY AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE TAU KAPPA
5 EPSILON FRATERNITY.

6 (10) MOREOVER, SGT. MAY SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
7 MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION.

8 (11) SGT. MAY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RENEE; HIS
9 PARENTS, FRANKLIN AND CATHERINE MAY; HIS BROTHER, FRANKIE
10 MAY; HIS NIECE AND NEPHEW, CANON AND BRYIAR MAY; HIS AUNTS
11 AND UNCLES; AND SEVERAL COUSINS.

12 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 79 AT MOUNT
13 MORRIS IN GREENE COUNTY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE SGT. MICHAEL
14 TODD MAY, MONONGALIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA,
15 INTERCHANGE.

16 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL INSTALL,
17 WHERE IT DEEMS FEASIBLE, THE APPROPRIATE MARKERS DESIGNATING
18 THIS INTERCHANGE AS THE SGT. MICHAEL TODD MAY, MONONGALIA COUNTY
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WEST VIRGINIA, INTERCHANGE.

20 SECTION 4. THE LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK, USMC, EXIT.

21 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
22 AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

23 (1) LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK SERVED DURING
24 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 3RD
25 BATTALION, 25TH MARINE REGIMENT, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, MARINE
26 CORPS RESERVE, MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, ATTACHED TO
27 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 2, 2ND MARINE DIVISION, II MARINE
28 EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD).

29 (2) LANCE CORPORAL KOVACICEK DIED ON JULY 10, 2005,
30 WHILE CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN HIT, IRAQ.

1 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE MURTLAND AVENUE EXIT FROM INTERSTATES
2 79 AND 70 ONTO STATE ROUTE 19 IN WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY,
3 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE LANCE CORPORAL RYAN J. KOVACICEK,
4 USMC, EXIT.

5 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
6 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO INDICATE THE DESIGNATION UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (A).

8 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

9 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT
11 IMMEDIATELY:

12 (I) SECTION 2.

13 (II) THIS SECTION.

14 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60
15 DAYS.