

CHAPTER 58

AN ACT designating the State Highway Route 7 bridge between the Township of Belleville and Borough of North Arlington the “Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca Memorial Bridge.”

WHEREAS, United States Marine Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca grew up in North Arlington, New Jersey and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately following his graduation from North Arlington High School; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca was based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca tragically lost his life on February 10, 2012 supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca was a dedicated Marine who bravely served his country to protect it from those who would do it harm; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Montes De Oca was a loving son, brother, and friend, whose memory will be honored and cherished by his family and community; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this State are indebted to those who bravely serve our country in the Armed Forces of the United States, especially those who gave their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize and honor the life and service of United States Marine Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca by designating the State Highway Route 7 bridge between the Township of Belleville and Borough of North Arlington the “Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca Memorial Bridge;” now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the State Highway Route 7 bridge crossing the Passaic River between the Township of Belleville, Essex County and Borough of North Arlington, Bergen County as the “Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca Memorial Bridge,” and erect appropriate signs bearing this name.

2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants or other financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit, educational or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting and maintaining the signs.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 19, 2012.