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Snyder, Solobay honor Army officer at bridge dedication

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HARRISBURG, Sept. 19 – State Rep. Pam Snyder and state Sen. Tim Solobay today helped to dedicate a bridge in Greene County to honor the distinguished 36-year Army career of Lt. Col. Cephus Lee Roupe of Waynesburg.

"The colonel's sacrifices and service put him in the ranks of a true patriot, and the generations ahead should be reminded of what he did for each and every one of us in service to our nation," said Snyder, whose H.B. 1972 names the bridge on state Route 18 over Fish Creek in Freeport Township as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

"Colonel was a soldier's soldier and someone we can all be proud of," Solobay said. "His spirit of devotion, service and dedication is an inspiration for the ages."

Flanked by family members, the Waynesburg American Legion Post 330 honor guard and Army officers who served with Roupe, Snyder and Solobay recalled how the colonel began his Army career as an enlisted man and worked his way to the top.

"Colonel Roupe was considered perhaps the most experienced Medical Service Corps aviator in the Army," Snyder said.

The lawmakers noted that Roupe received a direct commission to the Medical Service Corps and qualified to operate various military aircraft.

Roupe, a native of Waynesburg, passed away March 2, 2012. His untimely death at age 54 came soon after he submitted his retirement papers to the Army. During his 36 years in the Army, Roupe saw combat duty in both the first and second Iraq wars. He also flew multiple missions in war-torn Bosnia and Afghanistan.

"He served expertly and proudly, wherever danger lurked," Solobay said.

Also participating in the ceremony were Col. Kyle Campbell, commander, Brook Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas; Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commanding general, Pacific Regional Medical Command, Army Medical Service Corps; and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) David Rubenstein.

Morgan Voithofer, Miss Rain Day 2014, performed the National Anthem.

House Bill 1972 received unanimous passage in the state House of Representatives and Senate. It was signed into law July 2, 2014, as Act 101 of 2014 by Gov. Tom Corbett.



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