

TO: Chair Alzate and members of the House Special Legislation Committee
FROM: Sharon Henderson
RE: Support: House Bill No. 5233
DATE: 04/04/2023
Sent via email to HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov

Dear Chair Alzate and honorable members of the House Special Legislation Committee:

My name is Sharon Henderson. I am a resident of South Kingstown at 25 Pleasant Street, Wakefield. I am a member of the South Kingstown 300th Anniversary Committee and my representative is Teresa Tanzi, District 34.

As you may know, South Kingstown was designated a Medal of Honor Town, the first in Rhode Island, on March 25, 3023, because of the number of recipients of this honor in such a small musicality. I'm asking for your support for the proposed legislation to rename the following bridges in South Kingstown to honor our town's Medal of Honor recipients:

1. Bridge number 00201, located on US route 1A, Main Street, in the village of Wakefield and which spans over the Saugatucket River in the town of South Kingstown, shall hereafter be 6 named the Sgt. William G. Fournier Medal of Honor Bridge.
2. Bridge number 17801, located on RI route 108, Kingstown Road, which spans the Suagatucket River in the town of South Kingstown, shall hereafter be named the Sgt. William J. 10 Babcock Medal of Honor Bridge.
3. Bridge number 17601, located on RI route 108, Kingstown Road, which spans over the Run River in the town of South Kingstown, shall hereafter be named the Cpl. David B. Champagne 14 Medal of Honor Bridge.

Please pass this bill out of your committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

With Gratitude,

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