

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117**

(By Delegates Brown, Guthrie, Hatfield, Hunt, Skaff, Wells and  
Nelson)

Requesting that bridge number 20-60/18-0.04 on Route 60/18 in  
Belle, Kanawha County, West Virginia be named the "Larry K.  
Conley Memorial Bridge."

WHEREAS, Larry K. Conley was born on November 20, 1940, in  
Dupont City to George and Madeline Groah Conley and passed away on  
February 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Larry K. Conley joined the Town of Belle Police  
Department in 1964 at the age of twenty-three. He was promoted to  
Chief the following year and served on the force until his  
retirement in 1991. He was an active member of the Fraternal Order  
of Police and represented state law enforcement in many national  
conferences and meetings. He also worked with state legislative  
leaders in law enforcement initiatives throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Larry K. Conley successfully ran for City Council in  
1992 and two years later was elected Mayor. He served the town in  
that capacity for sixteen years, until his death. During his term  
as Mayor he actively served on many committees and boards  
throughout the Kanawha Valley, including the Regional  
Intergovernmental Council, Regional Development Authority, West

1 Virginia Municipal League, Upper Kanawha Valley Mayors'  
2 Association, Kanawha County Public Safety Grant Committee, Citizens  
3 Action Committee of Belle, Kanawha County Democratic Executive  
4 Committee and Thunder in the Mountains; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry K. Conley was the Kanawha County Democrat of the  
6 Year in 2003, an honor he was particularly proud of. He dedicated  
7 forty-seven years of his life serving the town of Belle, and he did  
8 so with great joy and enthusiasm. He was by definition a true  
9 public servant; therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

11 That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name  
12 bridge number 20-60/18-0.04 on Route 60/18 in Belle, Kanawha  
13 County, West Virginia the "Larry K. Conley Memorial Bridge"; and,  
14 be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the Commissioner of the Division of  
16 Highways is hereby requested to erect signs at both ends of the  
17 bridge containing bold and prominent letters proclaiming the bridge  
18 the "Larry K. Conley Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

19 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates,  
20 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of  
21 the Division of Highways and the family of Larry K. Conley, his  
22 wife, Barbara Conley; daughters, Melody Pendergrass and her  
23 husband, Greg, of Pinch and Michele Higginbotham and her husband,  
24 Brian, of Shrewsbury; sisters, Patricia Hicks of Belle and Sharon  
25 Fleming of Parkersburg; grandchildren, Emma Pendergrass and Ethan

1 Higginbotham; and lifelong friend, Ralph Neil.