

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2676**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2676.

As reported, this bill designates the State Highway Route 7 bridge between the Township of Belleville and the Borough of North Arlington as the "Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca Memorial Bridge." Lance Corporal Montes De Oca grew up in North Arlington and attended North Arlington High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He tragically lost his life on February 10, 2012 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

The bill provides that no State funds may be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting the signs bearing the new designation. The Department of Transportation is authorized to receive private funds for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to correct the spelling of the Lance Corporal's name and to clarify that appropriate signs, not plaques, would be erected bearing Lance Corporal De Oca's name.

Finally, the committee removed reference to the Commissioner of Transportation being authorized to erect route and directional signs bearing the Lance Corporal's name.