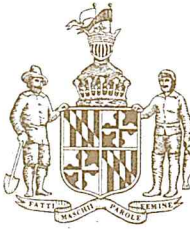


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TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 140
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION –
FALLEN HEROES FISHING CREEK BRIDGE – DESIGNATION
FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 140 is a very straightforward bill that designates the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

This is a simple piece of legislation introduced in conjunction with representatives of the Town of Chesapeake Beach. It is part of a larger effort of the town to better recognize the service and sacrifice of residents who paid the ultimate sacrifice serving their country or community in either the military or in the public safety field.

This legislation is just a direct way to recognize these individuals and a fitting tribute to allow their families and their neighbors to pay them the respect that they so richly deserve.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 140.

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January 24, 2023

To: Members Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill SB 140 State Highway Administration Fallen
Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge Designation

Committee Members, on Behalf of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140 which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

Since our incorporation on August 4, 1926, the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department has unfortunately lost two members in the Line of Duty Deaths (LODDS). These members and the date of their deaths are:

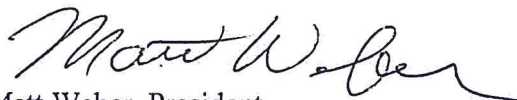
Firefighter Larry H. Cox LODD April 7, 1970

Rescue Captain Patricia "Pat" Osburn LODD May 26, 2018

Our Department respectfully recommends that members of the Senate Finance Committee vote to designate the Fishing Creek Bridge as the Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge in honor of our two members who died in the line of duty while serving our community as well as the many other members of our community who passed as Fallen Heroes.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Matt Weber, President

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January 24, 2023

Maryland Senate Finance Committee
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Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

As the Mayor of the Town of North Beach, I am writing to ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as *Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge*.

The designation of the bridge is an appropriate expression of gratitude and recognition for those who risk their lives for our community and for our country. I fully support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Mike Benton
Mayor, Town of North Beach

Mike Benton, Mayor

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Date: February 24, 2023

To: Members, Maryland Senate Finance Committee

From: Rev. Glenn Swanson
Senior Pastor, Bayside Baptist Church, Chesapeake Beach, Maryland
President, Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware (BDM/D)

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 - State Highway Administration –
Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation

On behalf of Bayside Baptist Church and the over 450 churches of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware (BCM/D), I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge

During my time as pastor, and as current President of the Baptist Convention of Maryland Delaware, I have had the privilege to witness firsthand the dedication of the men and women who have faithfully served and are currently serving our nation, state and community in our military, police and fire departments. I have solemnly stood by hospital beds and the gravesides of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and protection. For those men and women and their families, we owe a great debt of thanks and gratitude.

In God's Holy Word, the scriptures remind us in John 15:13 that "*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" Among the thousands of men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation was my nephew Christopher W. Swanson. Chris was killed in action in July 2006 while serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. Gold Star families like ours and the families of our fallen officers, fire fighters and first responders will find some sense of comfort in knowing that our state and community remembers and honors our fallen heroes with memorials such as this.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please know that we are praying for you and for all those who faithfully serve our state and community. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

In Christ,

Rev. Glenn Swanson

To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: Gary W Swanson

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 - State Highway Administration – Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation

Committee Members,

On behalf of The SSG Christopher Swanson Veterans Support Charity and our family, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge. Our Son, SSG Christopher Swanson was a lifelong resident here in the Twin Beaches area. He loved his slice of paradise along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Chris was KIA in Iraq while serving his third tour. He believed in his mission and cared deeply for his men. As a retired Police Detective I am also aware of the sacrifices that our first responders make day in and day out serving our community. Sadly many have also paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving. There is no better way to honor our local heroes than to designate the Fishing Creek Bridge as the Fallen Heroes Bridge. It will remind those who travel across it that the freedoms and life we as citizens enjoy, does come with a price.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gary W Swanson President and Proud Father of an American Hero

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To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: **Scott Deacon**
Commander, American Legion Post 206

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140, State Highway Administration
Fallen Heros Fishing Creek Bridge - Designation


Committee Members,

On behalf of *Stallings-Williams, American Legion Post 206*, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261 in Calvert County as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

Our organization, of over 850 members, is proud to support our local community, State, and Nation in several meaningful ways. We especially support recognizing the ultimate contributions that have been made by our military in all wars. The daily sacrifices and risks encountered by the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department to include our EMTs, and the Calvert County Sherriff's Office, as well as the active duty members of our community should continually be respected and recognized. A fitting reminder and tribute would be to rename the bridge in their honor.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Scott Deacon
Commander



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Holland Point Citizens Association, Inc.

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January 27, 2023

To: Members, Senate Finance Committee

From: Gayle P. Shumate

Subject: Testimony Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 140 – State Highway Administration – Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge – Designation

Committee Members:

On behalf of the Holland Point Citizens Association, I ask for your support for Senate Bill 140, which will require the State Highway Administration to designate the bridge across Fishing Creek on Maryland Route 261, Calvert County, as Fallen Heroes Fishing Creek Bridge.

The Holland Point community began in 1923 as a cluster of summer cottages. We have now developed into a residential community on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay at the southern tip of Anne Arundel County. We are a neighborhood consisting of approximately 200 homes and rely on our local Fire Department, our County police department and our local EMS volunteers.

We have current and past residents who have served in numerous wars and those who are currently serving in our military. The route across Fishing Creek is travelled regularly everyday by most of us. It would be a great reminder to all of us to remember our fallen heroes.

For these reasons, we support Senate Bill 140 and encourage you to support it as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Gayle Shumate

President, Holland Point Citizens Association