

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 214, *approved January 12, 2026*
Senate, No. 4313

1 **AN ACT** designating the overpass of Stelton Road on Interstate
2 Highway Route 287 as the “Officer Conklin-Officer Cady
3 Memorial Overpass.”
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5 **WHEREAS**, Richard H. Conklin graduated from South Plainfield High
6 School and served as a member of United States Marine Corps
7 during the Vietnam War, receiving the National Defense Service
8 Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal; and
9 **WHEREAS**, William J. Cady graduated from Woodbridge High School
10 and served as a member of the United States Marine Corps during
11 the Vietnam War, receiving the Good Conduct Medal and the
12 Vietnam Service Medal; and
13 **WHEREAS**, After completing their tours of duty with the United States
14 Marine Corps, Mr. Conklin, in November 1967, and Mr. Cady, in
15 February 1969, became members of the South Plainfield Police
16 Department and served in the Patrol Division; and
17 **WHEREAS**, On January 21, 1972, Mr. Conklin was called to assist a
18 local rescue squad transport; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Conklin was shot in the line of duty while traveling on
20 Stelton Road at Interstate Highway Route 287; and
21 **WHEREAS**, Three years later, on April 19, 1975, Mr. Cady, was struck
22 by a car and killed while on a traffic stop on Interstate Highway
23 Route 287; and
24 **WHEREAS**, Both Mr. Conklin and Mr. Cady received numerous
25 commendations during their years in service with the South
26 Plainfield Police Department and earned the respect of their fellow
27 officers, superiors, and the citizens of the community they served;
28 and
29 **WHEREAS**, These two police officers lost their lives while fulfilling
30 duties entrusted to them by the South Plainfield Police Department;
31 and
32 **WHEREAS**, To honor the lives and service of Mr. Conklin and Mr.
33 Cady, as both police officers and military veterans, it is fitting and
34 proper to designate the overpass of Stelton Road on Interstate
35 Highway Route 287 North and on Interstate Highway Route 287
36 South as the “Officer Conklin-Officer Cady Memorial Overpass”;
37 now, therefore,
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39 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
40 *of New Jersey:*

