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## WV ACTING GOVERNOR TOMBLIN DEDICATES CORRIDOR H BRIDGE TO MOOREFIELD MARINE

**Moorefield — July 16** — A Moorefield Marine who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam more than four decades ago will now live on in memory forever, according to WV Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin and other local dignitaries who visited the Potomac Highlands recently. On July 22, in honor of the life and service of Richard Lee “Dickie” Moyers, Tomblin dedicated the Corridor H bridge that crosses the South Branch Potomac River at Route 220 in Moorefield.

“At the much too young age of 20, Private First Class Moyers was killed in action, and today we remember his bravery that fateful November day,” Tomblin told more than 100 area residents — including many veterans — who had gathered for the event in the cathedral-ceilinged Resource Center at Eastern WV Community and Technical College.

“We also remember his laugh, his kindness and his smile. From this day forward, when you drive across the Richard Lee “Dickie” Moyers Veterans Memorial Bridge, think of those moments,” the Acting Governor urged, “think of those good times and recall his kindness and his sacrifice.”



**WV Acting Governor Tomblin Dedicates Corridor H Bridge To Moorefield Marine: WV Acting Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, right, and former Hardy County Commission President Roger Champ, left, present photos of the Richard Lee “Dickie” Moyers Veterans Memorial Bridge nameplate to Moyers’ five surviving siblings.**

**FRONT ROW: Roger Champ; Donnie Moyers, Petersburg; Larry Moyers, Moorefield ; Linda Bowman, Fisher; Diane Miller, Moorefield .**

**BACK ROW: David Moyers, Moorefield; WV Acting Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin.**

Tomblin presented a poster-size photograph of the newly-dedicated bridge to Moyers’ mother, Orpha Sue Moyers of Moorefield, and smaller photos of the bridge’s nameplate to the fallen Marine’s five surviving brothers and sisters.

Delegate Harold Michael (D-47) pointed out that “the sign that’s on the bridge can only be placed there permanently by a special act of the legislature.” And because both the House of Delegates and the state Senate voted unanimously to name the bridge for Moyers, “those signs and that name will stay there forever.”

Just six weeks after arriving in South Vietnam, Moyers died in combat in Quang Nam Province, on November 11, 1968.

“There’s a feeling that time heals all wounds, but we know that’s not the case,” Michael mused. “Time allows us to accept what it is, to adjust to it. And we work with it.”

At the ceremony, WV Senator Joe Manchin III’s Regional Coordinator, Peggy Hawse, read an official proclamation letter. “It is a fitting tribute, to him and his legacy, that this bridge be named in his honor,” Manchin’s letter noted.

“Safe reliable transportation is one of the most critical pieces of infrastructure. Our state’s progress relies heavily on having roads, highways and bridges, for commerce and tourism, and day-to-day travel. This bridge has been a dedicated crossing for countless residents and visitors to Hardy County,” Hawse read, “a way for our citizens to make a living, and a way for our families to come home.”

WV state Senators Walt Helmick (D-15) and Robert Williams (D-14) also attended the ceremony, as did former President of the Hardy County Commission, Roger Champ, also a Vietnam veteran, who played a major role in persuading the WV legislature to honor Moyers with the bridge dedication.