

**Transportation Committee Public Hearing**  
**Friday, March 8, 2013**  
**Testimony in Support of,**  
**HB 6559 An Act Concerning The Designation Of Roads And Bridges In Honor Or Memory Of**  
**Persons And Organizations**

Thank you for considering our request to name part of Route 151 in East Haddam after my uncle, P.F.C. Peter P. Golec. Peter was one of the early draftees of World War II. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on July 9, 1941 five months before Pearl Harbor. He trained in various locations in the United States before he was shipped overseas to England with the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division in December of 1943. After landing at Utah Beach, Peter fought from Normandy across France and was killed in action on November 28, 1944 on the German border.

Peter was awarded the prestigious Combat Infantry Badge, which is a combat service recognition decoration awarded to Infantry or Special Forces soldiers who fought in combat zones on the front lines while an assigned member of an Infantry or Special Forces unit of brigade size or smaller. Peter was also awarded two Purple Hearts. In addition to the Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Hearts, Peter was awarded the following:

- Good Conduct Medal
- American Theater Ribbon
- European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars for the Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns
- American Defense Medal
- World War II Victory Ribbon
- Marksman Badge with Carbine, Rifle, and 60MM Mortar Bars

Peter was the son of Polish immigrants. He was born and raised in Moodus, CT on Route 151 (also known as the Moodus Leesville Road) where the Golec Homestead still stands. Peter attended Nathan Hale High School in Moodus and worked on the family dairy farm and for the Town of East Haddam during the Depression.

Peter walked on Route 151 every day of his life before his army service. The portion of this road that I am referring to starts at the Salmon River Bridge and would end at the Green in Moodus center. Designating this part of Route 151 in East Haddam would be a way of remembering a local hero that gave his life for our country.

Sincerely,

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