



## 1995 SENATE BILL 260

June 27, 1995 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN, ANDREA, FITZGERALD, BURKE, SCHULTZ, DARLING and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, ZUKOWSKI, DOBYNS, TURNER, JOHNSRUD, URBAN, WIRCH, SILBAUGH, KELSO, OWENS, NASS and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Agriculture and Local Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to create** 84.1041 of the statutes; **relating to:** marking a certain bridge  
2           as the “Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge”.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill directs the department of transportation (DOT) to mark the bridge across Lake Superior on USH 2 between the city of Superior in Douglas County and Duluth, Minnesota, as the “Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge” in recognition and appreciation of the many military accomplishments of Major Richard I. Bong during World War II. Born in the city of Superior, Major Bong received 26 decorations, including the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his military exploits and is widely known as Amercia’s greatest war ace. The bill directs DOT to erect a permanent granite monument to commemorate the marking of the memorial bridge.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3           **SECTION 1.** 84.1041 of the statutes is created to read:

4           **84.1041 Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge.** (1) The department  
5 shall, subject to sub. (2), mark the bridge across Lake Superior on USH 2 between  
6 the city of Superior in Douglas County and the city of Duluth in the state of  
7 Minnesota as the “Major Richard I. Bong Memorial Bridge” in recognition and  
8 appreciation of the many military accomplishments of Major Richard I. Bong during

1 World War II, including being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1944  
2 and being widely known as America's greatest war ace.

3 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties to cover the  
4 cost of erecting a sign on the end of the bridge in this state to clearly identify to  
5 motorists the marking of the bridge under this section, the department shall erect  
6 the sign. In cooperation with the applicable local municipalities and upon receipt of  
7 sufficient contributions from interested parties, the department shall erect and  
8 maintain a permanent granite monument in close proximity to the bridge. The  
9 department shall design the permanent granite monument after consultation with  
10 the descendants of Major Bong. No state funds, other than from the receipt of  
11 contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or  
12 maintenance of the monument or sign.

13 (END)