

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2349 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY S. H. SMITH, MAY 7, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 7, 2012

AN ACT

1 Redesignating the bridge on State Route 322 over North Fork
2 Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, as the Purple
3 Heart Memorial Bridge of Jefferson County.

4 Section 1. Purple Heart Memorial Bridge of Jefferson County.

5 (a) Declaration of policy.--The General Assembly finds and
6 declares as follows:

7 (1) In 1782, General George Washington created the Badge
8 of Military Merit to honor soldiers wounded or killed in
9 action. The first award was given to three soldiers in
10 Newburgh, New York.

11 (2) The current award, which is officially named the
12 Military Order of the Purple Heart, was developed by General
13 Douglas MacArthur in 1932.

14 (3) The Purple Heart is awarded under the name of the
15 President of the United States to members of the United
16 States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war
17 in the hands of the enemy or posthumously to the next of kin
18 in the name of those who are killed in action or die of
19 wounds received in action.

1 (4) To date, the Purple Heart has been awarded to more
2 than 1.7 million individuals who have served in World War I,
3 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian
4 Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi
5 Freedom.

6 (5) Jefferson County is home to many current and former
7 members of the United States Armed Forces, including numerous
8 Purple Heart recipients, who have served their local
9 community and their country with distinction and honor.

10 (b) Redesignation.--The bridge carrying State Route 322 over
11 North Fork Creek in Brookville Borough, Jefferson County, known
12 as the Blake's Hardware Bridge, is redesignated as the Jefferson
13 County Purple Heart Memorial Bridge.

14 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
15 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
16 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

17 Section 2. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.