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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1595 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY RIGBY, KORTZ, HENNESSEY, SONNEY, ROTHMAN, BURGOS,  
COX, DONATUCCI, HILL-EVANS, BURNS, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD, RYAN,  
CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, SCHMITT, STAATS, STRUZZI, WILLIAMS,  
OWLETT, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, PYLE, MASSER, MURT AND READSHAW,  
JUNE 7, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 7, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified by Bridge Key 8671, on that  
2 portion of Washington Street over the Conemaugh River in  
3 Johnstown City, Cambria County, as the SFC Raymond R. Buchan  
4 Memorial Bridge.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. SFC Raymond R. Buchan Memorial Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
9 follows:

10 (1) SFC Raymond R. Buchan was born on October 12, 1973,  
11 in Johnstown and served the United States in the Army, where  
12 he reached the rank of sergeant first class.

13 (2) A graduate of Westmont Hilltop High School and  
14 Central Texas College, SFC Buchan dedicated 16 years, nearly  
15 his entire adult life, to serving in the Army.

16 (3) SFC Buchan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th  
17 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry

1 Division in Schweinfurt, Germany, and also served as an Army  
2 recruiter in Erie.

3 (4) On July 1, 2007, SFC Buchan was on his second tour of  
4 duty in Iraq when he was killed by small-arms fire in Ta'meem  
5 while escorting an explosives team.

6 (5) SFC Buchan was known for the many friends he made  
7 among the Iraqi police with whom he worked.

8 (6) SFC Buchan was recognized for his selfless service  
9 to his country with the following awards: the Bronze Star,  
10 Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal-three Oak Leaf  
11 Clusters, Army Achievement Medal-two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army  
12 Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with  
13 Bronze Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal,  
14 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on  
15 Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer  
16 Service Medal, Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional  
17 Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas  
18 Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal,  
19 Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Recruiter Badge, Driver and  
20 Mechanic Badge with Wheeled Qualification Bar.

21 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified by Bridge Key 8671,  
22 on that portion of Washington Street over the Conemaugh River in  
23 Johnstown City, Cambria County, is designated the SFC Raymond R.  
24 Buchan Memorial Bridge.

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

28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.