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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2420 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, TOOHL,  
LONGIETTI, DIGIROLAMO, RYAN, DUSH, SONNEY, MILLARD, COX,  
MURT, RAPP, DAVIS, WARD, BARRAR, NEILSON, CALTAGIRONE,  
BARBIN, SAYLOR, MARSICO, CONKLIN, JOZWIAK, BRADFORD AND  
D. COSTA, MAY 9, 2018

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 9, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286,  
2 known as Washington Street, over the Kiskiminetas River,  
3 between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna  
4 Township, Westmoreland County, as the First Sergeant  
5 Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge.

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

11 (1) Alexander Kelly was born April 7, 1840, in  
12 Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

13 (2) During the Civil War, he enlisted as a substitute in  
14 the Union Army and served as a First Sergeant with Company F  
15 of the 6th United States Colored Troops.

16 (3) First Sergeant Kelly was awarded the Medal of Honor  
17 for his actions on September 29, 1864, during the Battle of  
18 Chapin's Farm in Virginia, where he gallantly seized the

1 colors, which had fallen near the enemy's lines of abatis,  
2 raised them and rallied the men at a time of confusion and in  
3 a place of the greatest danger.

4 (4) First Sergeant Kelly's actions during the Battle of  
5 Chapin's Farm are depicted in the painting titled Three  
6 Medals of Honor by American artist Don Troiani.

7 (5) First Sergeant Kelly was mustered out of the  
8 military September 20, 1865, and moved to Pittsburgh.

9 (6) First Sergeant Kelly died June 19, 1907, at the age  
10 of 67 and was interred at Saint Peters Cemetery in  
11 Pittsburgh.

12 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of  
13 Pennsylvania Route 286, known as Washington Street, over the  
14 Kiskiminetas River, between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County,  
15 and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, is designated the  
16 First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge.

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

20 Section 2. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.