THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1441 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY METZGAR, KORTZ, COX, DONATUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, PICKETT, RYAN, BURNS, SONNEY, HILL-EVANS, BARRAR, MULLERY, LONGIETTI, KAUFFMAN, DIGIROLAMO, CAUSER, HICKERNELL, STAATS, STRUZZI, KINSEY, HAHN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, BERNSTINE, READSHAW, MILLARD, NEILSON, TOPPER, TOEPEL, PYLE, OBERLANDER, DEASY, GOODMAN, EVERETT, MOUL AND SAINATO, MAY 13, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 13, 2019

AN ACT

- 1 Designating the bridge located at $39^{\circ}57'48.9"N$ $79^{\circ}02'40.7"W$
- 2 (U.S. Route 219 over Walters Mill Road), as the Mark J.
- 3 Baserman Memorial Bridge.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Mark J. Baserman Memorial Bridge.
- 7 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (1) State Correctional Institution at Somerset Sergeant
- 10 Mark J. Baserman of Oakland, Stonycreek Township, Cambria
- 11 County, died February 26, 2018, after an inmate assault 11
- 12 days earlier.
- 13 (2) Born August 21, 1957, Sgt. Baserman was a United
- 14 States Army veteran who worked for the Department of
- 15 Corrections at the former SCI Cresson before transferring to
- 16 SCI Somerset.

- 1 (3) In his lifetime, Sgt. Baserman further protected his
- 2 community as an Oakland volunteer firefighter and East Hills
- 3 emergency medical technician.
- 4 (4) Sgt. Baserman was posthumously awarded the Medal of
- 5 Valor which is given to government-employed corrections
- 6 officers.
- 7 (5) University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown undergraduates
- 8 in the Justice Administration and Criminology program are
- 9 eligible for the Sgt. Mark J. Baserman Memorial Scholarship.
- 10 (b) Designation.--The bridge located at 39°57'48.9"N
- 11 79°02'40.7"W (U.S. Route 219 over Walters Mill Road), is
- 12 designated the Mark J. Baserman Memorial Bridge.
- 13 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 14 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
- 15 traffic in both directions on and under the bridge.
- 16 Section 2. Effective date.
- 17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.