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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1299 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, JUNE 24, 2022

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 24, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8536, carrying  
2 Locust Street (Pennsylvania Route 869) over Topper Run,  
3 located in Adams Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal  
4 William T. Costlow, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Corporal William T. Costlow, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Corporal Costlow was born October 12, 1928.

11 (2) Corporal Costlow enlisted in the United States Army  
12 in January 1948 at the Johnstown Recruiting Station.

13 (3) Corporal Costlow completed his basic training in  
14 Fort Knox, Kentucky, before going to Fort Lewis, Washington,  
15 for armored forces advanced training.

16 (4) Following the completion of training, Corporal  
17 Costlow was sent overseas in June 1950 from Camp Stoneman,  
18 California.

19 (5) In September 1950, Corporal Costlow was wounded in

1 action.

2 (6) On November 1, 1950, Corporal Costlow was captured  
3 by North Korean forces just two weeks after returning from  
4 his injury in the line of duty.

5 (7) When captured, Corporal Costlow was serving with the  
6 24<sup>th</sup> Division.

7 (8) While captured, Corporal Costlow lived on a near-  
8 starvation diet consisting of millet, barley, old cabbage and  
9 soybean soups.

10 (9) Corporal Costlow was held at Prison Camp 3, Puckony,  
11 North Korea, for 33 months as a prisoner of war.

12 (10) After his release was negotiated, Corporal Costlow  
13 wrote to his parents and advised his parents to notify the  
14 family of a fellow prisoner of war.

15 (11) After his release, Corporal Costlow returned home  
16 to St. Michael, Cambria County.

17 (12) For his service to the United States, Corporal  
18 Costlow received the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Service  
19 Medal, three Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service  
20 Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Distinguished  
21 Unit Emblem, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Marksman Badge  
22 and a Purple Heart.

23 (13) Corporal Costlow passed away December 7, 2006.

24 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8536,  
25 carrying Locust Street (Pennsylvania Route 869) over Topper Run,  
26 located in Adams Township, Cambria County, is designated as the  
27 Corporal William T. Costlow, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

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

1 Section 2. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.