
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2117 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY DOWLING, METZGAR, REESE, WARNER, RIGBY, TOPPER,
HILL-EVANS, KORTZ, SAINATO, BERNSTINE, RYAN, SCHMITT, MURT,
GROVE, LONGIETTI, STAATS, KINSEY, CAUSER, HENNESSEY, SONNEY,
NEILSON, OWLETT, MOUL, DEASY AND BURNS, DECEMBER 9, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 9, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 31586, on that
2 portion of State Route 2004 carrying Broadway Street over the
3 Casselman River, in Summit Township, Somerset County, as the
4 Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Airman Menser was born July 21, 1944, in Boynton.

11 (2) Airman Menser served on the USS Forrestal as a
12 United States Naval Reservist.

13 (3) On July 29, 1967, the USS Forrestal suffered a
14 catastrophic fire during flight operations while on Yankee
15 Station off the coast of Vietnam and Airman Menser, despite
16 being blasted from his berthing space without his shirt and
17 shoes, proceeded to fight the fire and control the damage.

18 (4) Airman Menser was the awarded the Navy Commendation

1 Medal for his exemplary service and bravery aboard the USS
2 Forrestal.

3 (5) Airman Menser died on July 28, 2018.

4 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
5 31586, on that portion of State Route 2004 carrying Broadway
6 Street over the Casselman River, in Summit Township, Somerset
7 County, is designated as the Airman Michael L. Menser Memorial
8 Bridge.

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

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.