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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2581 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY RIGBY, RYAN, E. NELSON, MOUL, SONNEY, HILL-EVANS,  
FREEMAN, KNOWLES, STAATS, CONKLIN, COX, SCHMITT, HENNESSEY,  
LONGIETTI, NEILSON, KINSEY, JOZWIAK, T. DAVIS, ROWE,  
BERNSTINE, SMITH AND STRUZZI, MAY 6, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 6, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8463, carrying  
2 U.S. Route 219 over State Route 3043, known as Jackson  
3 Street, in Summerhill Borough, Cambria County, as the PVT  
4 Paul Regis Wilburn Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. PVT Paul Regis Wilburn Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Paul Regis Wilburn was born May 4, 1920, in  
11 Duquesne, Allegheny County.

12 (2) Mr. Wilburn distinguished himself as an honorable  
13 veteran with the notable military accomplishment of having  
14 served as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Armed Forces,  
15 10th Air Force, 341st Bomb Group, 490th Bomb Squadron.

16 (3) Before enlisting in the United States Air Force, Mr.  
17 Wilburn was employed at the Glenn L. Martin Company aircraft  
18 factory in Baltimore, Maryland.

1           (4) Mr. Wilburn enlisted to serve in the United States  
2 Air Force in December 1941.

3           (5) On January 18, 1945, Mr. Wilburn was serving as an  
4 engineer-gunner of a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber and  
5 the bomber went down in present-day Myanmar while returning  
6 from bombing the Nawnghkio Air Strip.

7           (6) Mr. Wilburn went missing as the plane was downed in  
8 Myanmar.

9           (7) Mr. Wilburn was awarded the Purple Heart.

10          (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8463,  
11 carrying U.S. Route 219 over State Route 3043, known as Jackson  
12 Street, in Summerhill Borough, Cambria County, is designated the  
13 PVT Paul Regis Wilburn Memorial Bridge.

14          (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
15 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to  
16 traffic in both directions on the bridge.  
17 Section 2. Effective date.

18          This act shall take effect in 60 days.