
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2864 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY SANKEY, COX, SONNEY, SMITH, GILLEN, HENNESSEY,
JAMES, STAATS, HILL-EVANS, MILLARD, KINSEY, BERNSTINE,
CAUSER, RYAN, JOZWIAK, CONKLIN AND STRUZZI,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 41697, on that
2 portion of State Route 3019 over Clearfield Creek, on the
3 border of Coalport Borough and Beccaria Township, Clearfield
4 County, as the Technical Sergeant Richard L. Beers Memorial
5 Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. Technical Sergeant Richard L. Beers Memorial Bridge.

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

11 (1) Richard L. Beers was born August 30, 1923, in
12 Fallentimber, Cambria County, and was the son of Levi R.
13 Beers and Catherine (Van Scoyoc) Beers.

14 (2) Mr. Beers was a 1941 graduate of Beccaria Township
15 High School and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in September
16 1941, attending aircraft maintenance and gunnery schools.

17 (3) Technical Sergeant Beers was a gunner on a B-17 when
18 it was shot down over Saint-Nazaire, France.

1 (4) Technical Sergeant Beers was reported missing in
2 action by the United States Department of War on November 12,
3 1942, and on November 1, 1943, it was verified he was killed
4 on November 9, 1942.

5 (5) Technical Sergeant Beers was the first military
6 member from the Coalport area that was killed in World War
7 II.

8 (6) Technical Sergeant Beers was posthumously awarded
9 the Purple Heart and was buried at Jefferson Barracks
10 National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri, in June 1950.

11 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
12 41697, on that portion of State Route 3019 over Clearfield
13 Creek, on the border of Coalport Borough and Beccaria Township,
14 Clearfield County, is designated the Technical Sergeant Richard
15 L. Beers Memorial Bridge.

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

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.