
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2049 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY STRUZZI, DAVANZO, GILLEN, JAMES, JOZWIAK,
KAUFFMAN, KEPHART, KINSEY, MOUL, ROWE, SMITH AND VITALI,
FEBRUARY 22, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 68411, carrying
2 Jacksonville Road (State Route 3016) over Two Lick Creek in
3 Homer City, Indiana County, as the Staff Sergeant William
4 Stivison Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Staff Sergeant William Stivison Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Staff Sergeant William J. Stivison was born July 19,
10 1919, in Homer City, Indiana County.

11 (2) Staff Sergeant Stivison attended Homer City High
12 School and later the Bliss Electrician School.

13 (3) In 1935, Staff Sergeant Stivison joined the National
14 Guard and then, in 1941, he joined the United States Army
15 where he became a Staff Sergeant and Section Leader and a
16 member of the 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion.

17 (4) On March 30, 1945, Staff Sergeant Stivison
18 encountered surprise enemy fire while moving into position in

1 Germany. Staff Sergeant Stivison led his platoon in an attack
2 so rapid and determined that the outer defenses of the enemy
3 were speedily overwhelmed.

4 (5) During this assault, Staff Sergeant Stivison
5 demolished a machine gun nest and killed nine enemy soldiers
6 and continued to attack toward the inner defenses. When his
7 platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from
8 commanding ground on both flanks, Staff Sergeant Stivison
9 completely ignored personal safety, twice exposing himself to
10 heavy enemy fire to carry wounded men to cover.

11 (6) When his platoon was ordered to withdraw, Staff
12 Sergeant Stivison remained to draw the fire of the enemy away
13 while his comrades withdrew.

14 (7) For his bravery, Staff Sergeant Stivison received
15 the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts with two
16 Oak Clusters.

17 (8) After the war, Staff Sergeant Stivison spent his
18 lifetime volunteering with his local fire department,
19 fishing, hunting, camping and square dancing.

20 (9) On April 2, 2007, Staff Sergeant Stivison died in
21 his sleep at his home in Homer City, Indiana County.

22 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
23 68411, carrying Jacksonville Road (State Route 3016) over Two
24 Lick Creek in Homer City, Indiana County, is designated the
25 Staff Sergeant William Stivison Memorial Bridge.

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

29 Section 2. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 60 days.