

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, J. HARRIS, MILLARD, PASHINSKI, NEUMAN, EVERETT, MAJOR, HENNESSEY, SACCONI, D. COSTA, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, DIGIROLAMO, BIZZARRO, MARSICO, HALUSKA, P. DALEY, MAHONEY, GINGRICH, AUMENT, M. K. KELLER, MARSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, GILLEN, COHEN, DENLINGER, MCCARTER, WATSON, GABLER, GOODMAN AND MATZIE, MARCH 14, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 14, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge carrying State Route 88 over the Ten Mile
2 Creek connecting Jefferson Township, Greene County, and East
3 Bethlehem Township, Washington County, as the Lieutenant
4 General William M. Keys Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Lieutenant General William M. Keys Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--

9 (1) Lieutenant General William M. Keys was born in
10 Fredericktown, Pennsylvania.

11 (2) General Keys graduated from the United States Naval
12 Academy with a bachelor of science degree in 1960. He also
13 holds a master's degree from American University and an
14 honorary doctorate in Public Service from Washington and
15 Jefferson College.

16 (3) General Keys' professional military education
17 includes The Basic School, Amphibious Warfare School and the

1 Command and Staff College. He is also a graduate of the
2 National War College.

3 (4) General Keys served as company commander with the
4 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment during the Vietnam
5 Conflict. As captain, he led units against the numerically
6 superior North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces.

7 (5) During General Keys' second tour of duty in Vietnam,
8 he served as a major and an advisor to a Vietnamese Marine
9 Brigade.

10 (6) General Keys served as Commanding General of the 2nd
11 Marine Division during Desert Storm.

12 (7) In his capacity as Commanding General, General Keys
13 prepared more than 20,500 marines, the heaviest marine
14 division ever assembled, for deployment and combat operations
15 in the Persian Gulf.

16 (8) During Desert Storm, General Keys developed a highly
17 successful two-axis attack, which marked him a superb
18 tactical leader. General Norman Schwarzkopf praised General
19 Keys' two-axis attack by calling it "Simply brilliant!"

20 (9) General Keys has been awarded the Navy Cross, Silver
21 Star, Bronze Star with Combat "V", two Distinguished Service
22 Medals, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Cross of
23 Gallantry, Legion of Merit with Combat "V", Defense
24 Meritorious Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal with four
25 bronze stars.

26 (10) General Keys has also been chosen to wear Colonel
27 Merritt A. "Red Mike" Edson's rank insignia, an honor fewer
28 than 12 Marines have ever received.

29 (11) General Keys served 34 years in the United States
30 Marine Corps at every level of operational command and was

1 the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the United States Senate
2 and Deputy, Joint Secretariat, Joint Chiefs of Staff,
3 Washington, DC.

4 (12) General Keys retired from the United States Marine
5 Corps on September 1, 1994.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge carrying State Route 88 over
7 the Ten Mile Creek connecting Jefferson Township, Greene County,
8 and East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, is hereby
9 designated as the Lieutenant General William M. Keys Bridge.

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

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.