

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1935 Session of  
2014

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, JANUARY 6, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 6, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 49 over the  
2 Cowanesque River between Dennis Hill Road and Church Street  
3 in Harrison Township, Potter County, as the Private First  
4 Class Roger P. Downey Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Private First Class Roger P. Downey Bridge.

8 (a) Findings.--

9 (1) Private First Class (PFC) Roger P. Downey was born  
10 on January 20, 1926 and grew up on a small farm in Ulysses,  
11 Pennsylvania.

12 (2) While a teenager, PFC Downey would use the bridge on  
13 that portion of S.R. 49 over the Cowanesque River to attend  
14 Harrison Valley High School in Mills, Pennsylvania.

15 (3) While this nation was in the midst of World War II,  
16 PFC Downey left school to join the United States Army on  
17 April 19, 1944.

18 (4) After infantry training in Virginia and other parts  
19 of the nation, PFC Downey traveled to Massachusetts for

1 staging before being transported on the SS Marine Raven to  
2 England in November 1944.

3 (5) In January 1945, PFC Downey and his unit were sent  
4 to reinforce and relieve units engaged in the famous Battle  
5 of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium, Luxembourg  
6 and Germany.

7 (6) PFC Downey was killed in action in Germany on March  
8 9, 1945, while assigned to Company B, 417 Infantry Regiment,  
9 76 Infantry Division, XII Corp, Third Army, Twelfth Army  
10 Group, European Theater of Operations headquartered in the  
11 town of Speicher in the Rhineland region of Germany.

12 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on S.R. 49 over the  
13 Cowanesque River between Dennis Hill Road and Church Street in  
14 Harrison Township, Potter County, is hereby designated the  
15 Private First Class Roger P. Downey 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.