
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 546 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, STACK, RAFFERTY,
BREWSTER, BAKER, ALLOWAY, SMITH AND COSTA, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 21, 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 an 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
18 Command and Staff College. He is also a graduate of the
19 National War College.

1 (4) General Keys served as company commander with the
2 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment during the Vietnam
3 Conflict. As captain, he led units against the numerically
4 superior North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (11) General Keys served 34 years in the United States
28 Marine Corps at every level of operational command and was
29 the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the United States Senate
30 and Deputy, Joint Secretariat, Joint Chiefs of Staff,

1 Washington, D.C.

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

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

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

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.