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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 605 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, COHEN, COX, DUSH,  
SONNEY, KIM, MUSTIO, KOTIK, DIGIROLAMO, ROZZI, THOMAS,  
TOEPEL, MILLARD, SCHWEYER, WHEELAND, CALTAGIRONE, McNEILL,  
ELLIS, YOUNGBLOOD, W. KELLER, LONGIETTI, D. COSTA, FARINA,  
VEREB, SANKEY, MAJOR, BROWNLEE, TALLMAN, MARSICO, DONATUCCI,  
MAHONEY, MURT, WATSON AND SAINATO, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Renaming the bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 219 over U.S.  
2 Route 422 in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the  
3 Alexander Miller Abercrombie Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Alexander Miller Abercrombie Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) The late Alexander Miller Abercrombie, Technician  
10 5th Class, United States Army, of Revloc, Cambria County, was  
11 born May 7, 1921, in Kilsyth, Scotland.

12 (2) Technical Sergeant Abercrombie's family arrived in  
13 the United States April 23, 1923.

14 (3) Technical Sergeant Abercrombie attended Ebensburg-  
15 Cambria High School for one year before enlisting in the  
16 United States Army September 9, 1942.

1           (4) Technical Sergeant Abercrombie entered active  
2 military service September 20, 1942.

3           (5) Technical Sergeant Abercrombie completed Airborne  
4 training and served in Alaska before joining the Allied  
5 Campaign in Europe as a member of the 506th Parachute  
6 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

7           (6) While serving in the Ruhr Valley of Germany,  
8 Technical Sergeant Abercrombie and more than 100 members of  
9 his company came under attack during the course of a night  
10 raid launched April 11, 1945.

11           (7) Technical Sergeant Abercrombie, who was 24 years of  
12 age, was mortally wounded April 12, 1945, by German artillery  
13 after crossing the Rhine River into the village of  
14 Himmelgeist, Germany.

15           (8) Awarded the Purple Heart, Technical Sergeant  
16 Abercrombie was killed in action along with three other  
17 American paratroopers and is buried at Netherlands American  
18 Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands.

19       (b) Change of name.--The bridge on U.S. Route 219 which  
20 carries over to U.S. Route 422 in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria  
21 County, is hereby renamed the Alexander Miller Abercrombie  
22 Memorial Bridge.

23       (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
24 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the  
25 bridge designated in subsection (b).

26 Section 2. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.