
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 989 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the
2 Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as
3 the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial
8 Bridge.

9 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
10 follows:

11 (1) Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson of Arcadia
12 was a crew member of a B-29A Superfortress Bomber with the
13 371st Bomber Squadron, 307th Bomber Wing during the Korean
14 War.

15 (2) On October 23, 1951, the aircraft was shot down by
16 enemy MIGs over Namsi Airfield and Airman Second Class
17 Johnson was taken as a prisoner of war.

18 (3) Airman Second Class Johnson was declared dead on
19 January 28, 1954.

1 (4) Airman Second Class Johnson was awarded the Air
2 Medal, the Purple Heart, the Prisoner of War Medal, the
3 Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the
4 National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit
5 Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 580 over
7 the Susquehanna River in Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, is
8 hereby designated the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson
9 Memorial 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.