

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 289 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, JANUARY 31, 2017

SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over
2 the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County,
3 as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; AND <--
4 DESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 4027, ALSO KNOWN AS
5 BUSINESS U.S. ROUTE 220, OVER THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN MAINLINE
6 RAILROAD TRACKS IN GRAZIERVILLE, SNYDER TOWNSHIP, BLAIR
7 COUNTY, AS THE JOHN FREDERICK BRIDGES MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

11 (a) Designation.--The bridge located on old State Route 22
12 that connects Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, and Derry
13 Township, Westmoreland County, over the Conemaugh River is
14 hereby designated the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge.

15 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
16 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
17 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

18 SECTION 2. JOHN FREDERICK BRIDGES MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

19 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
20 FOLLOWS:

21 (1) JOHN FREDERICK BRIDGES GRADUATED FROM THE TYRONE

1 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
2 IN SEPTEMBER 1942.

3 (2) SERGEANT BRIDGES SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE
4 778TH TANK BATTALION, PART OF GENERAL GEORGE PATTON'S 3RD
5 ARMY DIVISION, UNTIL HIS DEATH ON MARCH 7, 1945, WHILE IN
6 ACTION IN GERMANY.

7 (3) SERGEANT BRIDGES WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART WITH
8 OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR GIVING HIS LIFE AND PROTECTING HIS MEN.

9 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON THAT PORTION OF
10 STATE ROUTE 4027, ALSO KNOWN AS BUSINESS U.S. ROUTE 220, OVER
11 THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN MAINLINE RAILROAD TRACKS IN GRAZIERVILLE,
12 SNYDER TOWNSHIP, BLAIR COUNTY, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE JOHN
13 FREDERICK BRIDGES MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

14 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
15 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
16 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

17 Section 2 3. Effective date.

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18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.