

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1237 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, RAPP, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROWN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, COX, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FREEMAN, HAHN, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MARSHALL, McNEILL, MERSKI, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, NEILSON, OWLETT, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, RYAN, SAINATO, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, STAATS, STRUZZI AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 17, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54683, on that
 2 portion of State Route 3009 (Kushequa Avenue) over the Kinzua
 3 Creek in Kushequa, Hamlin Township, McKean County, as the
 4 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Although there was no official declaration of war,
 11 it is widely accepted that the Vietnam War started on
 12 November 1, 1955, and ended on April 30, 1975, lasting 19
 13 years, 180 days.

14 (2) On August 2, 1964, the North Vietnamese fired on a
 15 United States destroyer anchored in the Gulf of Tonkin,
 16 leading to Congress passing the Gulf of Tonkin resolution,

1 authorizing a full-scale intervention in the Vietnam War.

2 (3) On March 8, 1965, the first American combat troops,
3 the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, landed in Da Nang,
4 Vietnam.

5 (4) The last American ground troops left Vietnam on
6 March 29, 1973, more than two years before the official end
7 of the war when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam.

8 (5) Two hundred forty men were awarded the Medal of
9 Honor during the Vietnam War.

10 (6) In all, approximately 2,700,000 American men and
11 women served in uniform in Vietnam, including more than
12 300,000 Pennsylvanians.

13 (7) During the course of the Vietnam War, 58,148
14 Americans were killed, including more than 3,000
15 Pennsylvanians.

16 (8) It is fitting to recognize and honor the men and
17 women who bravely served their country during the Vietnam
18 War.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
20 54683, located on State Route 3009 (Kushequa Avenue) in
21 Kushequa, Hamlin Township, McKean County, over the Kinzua Creek
22 is designated the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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

26 Section 2. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.