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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1298 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY IRVIN, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, COX, SONNEY, MILLARD,  
HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, CAUSER, RYAN, DIGIROLAMO,  
OBERLANDER, BURNS, WILLIAMS, READSHAW, STAATS, CALTAGIRONE,  
NEILSON, RAPP, JOZWIAK, SAINATO AND MOUL, APRIL 25, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 25, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 18676, on that  
2 portion of Pennsylvania Route 747 over the Juniata River in  
3 Mount Union Borough, Huntingdon County, as the Captain Joseph  
4 S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Captain Joseph S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Joseph S. Giacobello lived a life of humble service  
11 to the residents of Mount Union and to the nation.

12 (2) Born June 30, 1919, Mr. Giacobello attended Mount  
13 Union High School, from which he graduated in 1938.

14 (3) Mr. Giacobello attended Shippensburg State Teachers  
15 College, where he was a standout basketball and football  
16 player until he was drafted into the United States Army in  
17 1942.

18 (4) Mr. Giacobello was assigned to the United States

1 Army infantry. He completed his basic training at Camp  
2 Pickett in Virginia and then attended Officer Candidate  
3 School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

4 (5) Mr. Giacobello was deployed to the European Theater  
5 with the 35th Infantry Division, Co. F, 2nd Battalion, 137th  
6 Infantry Regiment, arriving in Normandy, France, on July 5,  
7 1944, and activated into combat on July 11, 1944, in the  
8 fighting in the hedgerows of St. Lo, France.

9 (6) In one of many distinguished combat actions, Mr.  
10 Giacobello heroically led his company in an attack on the  
11 French village of Hellimer, where he and two others stopped a  
12 machine gun and knocked out a Panther tank, saving what many  
13 believe are countless lives.

14 (7) Mr. Giacobello was one of the most highly decorated  
15 soldiers in central Pennsylvania earning the Distinguished  
16 Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts and the  
17 Combat Infantryman Badge while fighting in combat in the  
18 European Theater.

19 (8) Mr. Giacobello attained the rank of Captain in the  
20 United States Army during his time in combat and service to  
21 our nation.

22 (9) Upon returning home, Mr. Giacobello dedicated his  
23 life to service in his Mount Union community where he helped  
24 countless local veterans and supported youth sports  
25 activities.

26 (10) Mr. Giacobello passed away on February 16, 2019.

27 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
28 18676, located on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 747 in  
29 Mount Union Borough, Huntingdon County, over the Juniata River  
30 is designated the Captain Joseph S. Giacobello Memorial Bridge.

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

4 Section 2. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.