
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1973 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GREGORY, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, COX, HICKERNELL,
DONATUCCI, GREINER, PICKETT, RYAN, KINSEY, PYLE, SONNEY,
MOUL, CALTAGIRONE, DIGIROLAMO, BURNS, HILL-EVANS, SCHMITT,
LONGIETTI, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, MALAGARI, SAINATO, KORTZ,
SCHWEYER AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 21, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4027 over
2 Bald Eagle Creek, Sharon Township, Blair County, as the Cpl.
3 Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Corporal Donald L. Westley, a native of Northwood,
10 Blair County, gave his life in service to his country during
11 World War II.

12 (2) In 1940, Corporal Westley enlisted with Troop B,
13 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard and trained at
14 Fort Indiantown Gap.

15 (3) Corporal Westley's troop was called into Federal
16 service in February 1941, and he served at Fort Bragg, North
17 Carolina, Fort Pendleton, Oregon, and Fort Ord, California.

1 (4) Corporal Westley then served in the Aleutians for
2 seven months before returning to Camp Maxey, Texas, in
3 December 1943.

4 (5) In August 1944, Corporal Westley was sent to the
5 European Theater of Operations, where he served in France,
6 Luxembourg and Belgium.

7 (6) Corporal Westley was wounded in combat on December
8 27, 1944, and died on December 30, 1944.

9 (7) Corporal Westley is buried in the Henri Chapelle
10 American Military Cemetery in Henri Chapelle, Belgium.

11 (8) Corporal Westley was awarded the Purple Heart, the
12 World War II Victory Medal and the Honorable Service label
13 button for World War II.

14 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 4027
15 over Bald Eagle Creek, Sharon Township, Blair County, is
16 designated the Cpl. Donald L. Westley Memorial Bridge.

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

20 Section 2. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.