

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2245 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY TOPPER, BERNSTINE, BURNS, COX, T. DAVIS, DEASY, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, METZGAR, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, NEILSON, OWLETT, PICKETT, READSHAW, REESE, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAINATO, SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, STRUZZI, WHEELAND, YOUNGBLOOD AND CONKLIN, JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 30, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45676, carrying
 2 Pennsylvania Route 26 over Yellow Creek in Hopewell Township,
 3 Bedford County, as the Colonel Joseph M. Stine Memorial
 4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. The Colonel Joseph M. Stine Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Colonel Joseph M. Stine, a native of Everett, gave
 11 his life in service to his country during the Vietnam
 12 Conflict.

13 (2) Colonel Stine joined the United States Air Force
 14 just a few days after graduating from Everett Area High
 15 School in 1949.

16 (3) Colonel Stine received his pilot wings in 1953 in
 17 Big Springs, Texas, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

1 (4) Colonel Stine was a T33 instructor pilot in Rio,
2 Texas, for five years and in 1959 was transferred to England
3 where Colonel Stine flew the B-66 for three years.

4 (5) On August 1, 1966, Colonel Stine was sent to Vietnam
5 and, while flying a night photo mission over Hanoi, on
6 September 27, 1966, his plane dropped off of radar and he was
7 never seen or heard from again.

8 (6) On March 6, 1978, Colonel Stine's status was changed
9 to killed in action.

10 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
11 45676, carrying Pennsylvania Route 26 over Yellow Creek in
12 Hopewell Township, Bedford County, is designated as the Colonel
13 Joseph M. Stine 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. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.