
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2851 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, DONATUCCI, KORTZ, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL,
COX, GREINER, KIM, RYAN, MURT, LONGIETTI, BURNS, STRUZZI,
ROTHMAN, VITALI, JAMES, PETRARCA, HILL-EVANS, PYLE,
BERNSTINE, READSHAW, SONNEY, SCHMITT, MILLARD, SAINATO,
HEFFLEY, DEASY, NEILSON, SANKEY, ROEBUCK AND CONKLIN,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 40209, on State
2 Route 1014 over the North Branch of Two Lick Creek in Green
3 Township, Indiana County, as the Private Carl Edgar Keith
4 Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. The Private Carl Edgar Keith Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Private Carl Edgar Keith, a native of Starford, gave
11 his life in service to his country during World War II.

12 (2) Private Keith served with the United States Army,
13 Company I, 387th Infantry.

14 (3) In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British
15 Prime Minister Winston Churchill envisioned a volunteer group
16 to engage in a long-range penetration mission behind enemy
17 lines in Japanese-occupied Burma.

1 (4) Private Keith volunteered for this group, the 5307th
2 Composite Unit (Provisional), known as Merrill's Marauder's,
3 after their leader, Brigadier General Frank Merrill.

4 (5) As a member of Merrill's Marauders, Private Keith
5 took part in an attack against a strongly fortified enemy
6 near North Sidapur, Burma, on July 11, 1944.

7 (6) On July 12, 1944, Private Keith was declared missing
8 in action and was presumed dead on April 5, 1946.

9 (7) Private Keith received the Bronze Star, the Asia
10 Pacific Service Ribbon, the India Burma Campaign Ribbon and
11 the Combat Infantryman Badge.

12 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
13 40209, on State Route 1014 over the North Branch of Two Lick
14 Creek in Green Township, Indiana County, is designated as the
15 Private Carl Edgar Keith Memorial Bridge.

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

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.