
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2951 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BURNS, MURT, COX, HENNESSEY, READSHAW, RYAN,
MILLARD, KINSEY, STRUZZI, CALTAGIRONE, T. DAVIS, HILL-EVANS,
SONNEY AND WEBSTER, OCTOBER 20, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 20, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 43267, on that
2 portion of State Route 3041, also known as Dishong Mountain
3 Road, over U.S. Route 22, also known as the William Penn
4 Highway, in Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the
5 Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge.

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

11 (1) Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli was born in Nanty-
12 Glo, Pennsylvania, on May 15, 1918.

13 (2) He served in the United States Army during World War
14 II as part of Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th
15 Infantry Division.

16 (3) He was wounded many times and performed many acts of
17 heroism for which he was decorated during his tours of Italy,
18 Germany and France.

19 (4) On May 28, 1944, in Aprilia, Italy, Technical

1 Sergeant Mike Capelli's squad was impeded by the enemy's
2 machine guns. Technical Sergeant Capelli deployed his men and
3 led them in an assault on the enemy's position. Although
4 outnumbered and faced with intense fire, he succeeded after
5 fierce hand-to-hand fighting in destroying the enemy
6 position. For these actions, he was awarded an Oak Leaf
7 Cluster to his Silver Star Medal.

8 (5) On January 8, 1945, in Wildenguth, France, Technical
9 Sergeant Mike Capelli was shot and killed while organizing
10 his men during an attack by a reinforced band of German SS
11 Troopers.

12 (6) His awards include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf
13 Cluster, Bronze Star and Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf
14 Clusters.

15 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
16 43267, on that portion of State Route 3041, also known as
17 Dishong Mountain Road, over U.S. Route 22, also known as the
18 William Penn Highway, in Jackson Township, Cambria County, is
19 designated as the Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial
20 Bridge.

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

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.