

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1517 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY WARNER, COOK, SMITH, DAVANZO, KINSEY, KAUFFMAN,
FLICK, JAMES, ROWE, TOPPER AND STAATS, JUNE 26, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 26, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45509, carrying
2 U.S. Route 40 over Pennsylvania Route 43 in Redstone
3 Township, Fayette County, as the PFC John Balog Memorial
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. PFC John Balog Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) PFC John Balog was born October 24, 1931, in
11 Brownsville, Fayette County.

12 (2) PFC Balog served in the Korean War with H Company,
13 Second Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry
14 Division in the United States Army.

15 (3) On September 6, 1950, PFC Balog was defending his
16 position against enemy fire near Am-Sim, South Korea. When it
17 became necessary for his rifle team to withdraw, he
18 volunteered to remain and cover the withdrawal. After his
19 team withdrew, his position was overrun and he died in

1 action. He bravely gave his life for his brothers in arms and
2 for his country.

3 (4) For his service to the United States, PFC Balog was
4 awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean
5 Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic
6 of Korea War Service Medal, the Republic of Korea
7 Presidential Unit Citation, two Silver Stars and the Purple
8 Heart.

9 (5) PFC Balog is survived by numerous nieces, nephews
10 and cousins in Ohio and southwestern Pennsylvania.

11 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
12 45509, carrying U.S. Route 40 over Pennsylvania Route 43 in
13 Redstone Township, Fayette County, is designated the PFC John
14 Balog Memorial Bridge.

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

18 Section 2. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.