
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1576 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY SMITH, KEPHART, KINSEY, KAUFFMAN, STRUZZI, GLEIM,
GILLEN AND ARMANINI, JULY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 18, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53848, carrying
2 Pennsylvania Route 36 over Canoe Creek in Bell Township,
3 Jefferson County, as the PFC Larry E. Frantz Memorial Bridge.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. PFC Larry E. Frantz Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Larry E. Frantz was born April 20, 1948, in
10 Punxsutawney, Jefferson County.

11 (2) Before enlisting in the United States Army, PFC
12 Frantz loved being outdoors and enjoyed fishing, working in
13 construction and driving fast cars. He was especially fond of
14 his dog, "Whimpy."

15 (3) Upon enlisting, PFC Frantz served in the Vietnam War
16 with B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th
17 Infantry Division.

18 (4) On the night of August 29, 1968, PFC Frantz was

1 killed in action in the Hau Nghia Province near Saigon, South
2 Vietnam, when his squad came under hostile mortar attack. He
3 suffered fatal wounds while bravely defending his squad's
4 position.

5 (5) For his service to the United States, PFC Frantz was
6 awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Sharpshooter Badge,
7 National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam
8 Campaign Medal, a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

9 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
10 53848, carrying Pennsylvania Route 36 over Canoe Creek in Bell
11 Township, Jefferson County, is designated the PFC Larry E.
12 Frantz Memorial Bridge.

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

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.