

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 630 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, APRIL 28, 2023

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 28, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52767, carrying  
 2 West High Street (State Route 4031), crossing the Ghost Town  
 3 Trail, located in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the  
 4 Corpsman Charles Doerr, United States Navy, Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Corpsman Charles Doerr, United States Navy, Memorial  
 8 Bridge.

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

11 (1) Corpsman Charles (Chuck) William Doerr was born in  
 12 Ebensburg on June 24, 1930.

13 (2) Corpsman Doerr attended Ebensburg-Cambria High  
 14 School where he played football and basketball and ran track.

15 (3) Prior to departing for Korea, Corpsman Doerr was  
 16 notified by the Captain of his ship that he had received a  
 17 football scholarship from UCLA set to begin at the conclusion  
 18 of his tour of duty.

19 (4) Corpsman Doerr was Vice President of his class in

1 his junior year and also President and Secretary of his  
2 homeroom.

3 (5) After graduating high school in 1949, Corpsman Doerr  
4 was employed for one year before enlisting in the United  
5 States Navy.

6 (6) In 1950, Corpsman Doerr married Sally Ball and they  
7 had one son, Charles Robert Doerr.

8 (7) Corpsman Doerr enlisted in the military in September  
9 1950 and completed boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, later  
10 serving at Pensacola, Florida, and Bainbridge, Maryland.

11 (8) Corpsman Doerr received his 3rd class rating on  
12 October 3 and was scheduled for a rest leave when the  
13 communist push canceled all leaves.

14 (9) Corpsman Doerr served as a Hospital Corpsman with  
15 the Fleet Marines, assigned to the First Marine Division in  
16 Korea.

17 (10) Corpsman Doerr was killed in action on Bunker Hill  
18 while volunteering to accompany a rifle squad on a mission to  
19 reinforce a mortar and artillery barrage.

20 (11) Corpsman Doerr administered first aid to the  
21 numerous casualties struck down by the initial burst of fire.

22 (12) At the time of his death, Corpsman Doerr's brother,  
23 Christian, was serving in the United States Navy 70 miles  
24 from where Corpsman Doerr was killed.

25 (13) Corpsman Doerr's twin brother, Robert, was  
26 stationed with the United States Army in Yokohama, Japan, and  
27 shipped out of the state of Washington the day Corpsman Doerr  
28 was killed.

29 (14) Corpsman Doerr was posthumously awarded the Silver  
30 Star and Purple Heart medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, the

1 Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, The  
2 National Defense Service Medal, The Korean Presidential Unit  
3 Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

4 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
5 52767, carrying West High Street (State Route 4031), crossing  
6 the Ghost Town Trail, located in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria  
7 County, is designated as the Corpsman Charles Doerr, United  
8 States Navy, Memorial Bridge.

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

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.