
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1497 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY SMITH, GUENST, STAATS, KINSEY, ROZZI AND KAUFFMAN,
JUNE 23, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 23, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19716, carrying
2 State Route 2019 over Mahoning Creek in Bell Township,
3 Jefferson County, as the SP4 Michael Raymond Ishman Memorial
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. SP4 Michael Raymond Ishman Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Michael Raymond Ishman was born June 2, 1946, in
11 Punxsutawney, Jefferson County.

12 (2) He served in the Vietnam War with C Company, Second
13 Battalion, Mechanized 22nd Infantry, 4th Platoon, 3rd Brigade
14 of the 4th Division in the United States Army.

15 (3) On January 12, 1967, SP4 Ishman was working with his
16 platoon to find an abandoned Viet Cong campsite during
17 Operation Cedar Falls when he was struck and killed by an
18 enemy sniper.

19 (4) For his service to the United States, SP4 Ishman was

1 awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam
2 Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign medal, a Bronze Star and
3 the Purple Heart.

4 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
5 19716, carrying State Route 2019 over Mahoning Creek in Bell
6 Township, Jefferson County, is designated the SP4 Michael
7 Raymond Ishman Memorial Bridge.

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

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.