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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 152 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, GUENST, KINSEY, RYAN, BURGOS, COX,  
LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS, JOZWIAK, FREEMAN, WEBSTER, NEILSON AND  
STRUZZI, JANUARY 13, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 13, 2021

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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 in Jackson Township, Cambria County,  
4 as the Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial Bridge.

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

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

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

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

18 (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 in Jackson Township,  
18 Cambria County, as the Technical Sergeant Mike Capelli Memorial  
19 Bridge.

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

23 Section 2. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.