
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1773 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY COOK, BURGOS, BURNS, KINSEY, SCHMITT, BERNSTINE
AND MILLARD, AUGUST 9, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 9, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 35000, on that
2 portion of State Route 2040 over Pigeon Creek in Bentleyville
3 Borough, Washington County, as the Mrs. Madeline Finney
4 Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Mrs. Madeline Finney Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) In 1966, Mrs. Madeline (Madge) Finney decided that
11 something must be done about a small bridge, built in 1908,
12 to span Pigeon Creek, in her town of Bentleyville,
13 Pennsylvania, that was simply too small for what was then
14 "modern traffic."

15 (2) Mrs. Finney recognized how unsafe the bridge was for
16 the more than 60 children that crossed the bridge twice daily
17 to go to and from school, including six of her own children.

18 (3) Mrs. Finney spearheaded the four-year campaign to
19 expand the bridge.

1 (4) In a letter to then State Senator William J. Lane,
2 she wrote, "I do not intend to let this Highway Department
3 have any peace until something is done about this bridge."

4 (5) Mrs. Finney also oversaw a letter writing campaign
5 of 95 children and numerous adults to Governor William
6 Scranton.

7 (6) The bridge expansion was completed in 1970.

8 (7) Mrs. Finney died on July 12, 2020.

9 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
10 35000, on that portion of State Route 2040 over Pigeon Creek in
11 Bentleyville Borough, Washington County, is designated the Mrs.
12 Madeline Finney 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 on the bridge.

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.