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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2171 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, O'NEILL, MICOZZIE,  
MUSTIO, MIRABITO, TOEPEL, HELM, KIM, AUMENT, JAMES, SONNEY,  
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HICKERNELL, TALLMAN, COHEN, COX, LUCAS, KORTZ, DIGIROLAMO,  
CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, READSHAW, CAUSER, GODSHALL, MAJOR,  
GROVE, ROCK, HAHN, GRELL, MCNEILL, EVERETT, GOODMAN, WATSON,  
KINSEY, OBERLANDER, C. HARRIS, GINGRICH, MARSICO, FARINA,  
GILLEN, DEASY, BENNINGHOFF, PASHINSKI AND DENLINGER,  
APRIL 9, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 9, 2014

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State  
2 Route 903 over the Lehigh River, Jim Thorpe Borough, Carbon  
3 County, as the Sgt. Andrew J. "AJ" Baddick Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Sgt. Andrew J. "AJ" Baddick Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Sgt. Andrew J. "AJ" Baddick was a native of Jim  
10 Thorpe, Carbon County, and a 1997 graduate of Jim Thorpe Area  
11 Senior High School.

12 (2) Sgt. Baddick enlisted in the United States Army in  
13 1999 and graduated from Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia,  
14 on February 14, 2001.

15 (3) Later that same year, Sgt. Baddick reenlisted in the

1 United States Army for six years.

2 (4) In 2002, Sgt. Baddick was awarded the Army  
3 Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service while assigned as  
4 a Dismounted Infantryman in recognition of loyalty and  
5 commitment to excellence.

6 (5) Later that same year, Sgt. Baddick was deployed to  
7 Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

8 (6) Sgt. Baddick received the Soldier's Medal which is  
9 awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces who,  
10 while serving in any capacity with the United States Army,  
11 distinguishes himself by heroism not involving actual  
12 conflict with an enemy.

13 (7) Sgt. Baddick was honorably serving his country while  
14 on active duty in Iraq on September 29, 2003, when he gave  
15 his life attempting to rescue a fellow soldier from a  
16 submerged military vehicle.

17 (8) Sgt. Baddick, beloved son of Ann Callen Baddick and  
18 Joseph Baddick, was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge to be constructed on State  
20 Route 903 over the Lehigh River in Jim Thorpe Borough, Carbon  
21 County, is hereby designated the Sgt. Andrew J. "AJ" Baddick  
22 Memorial Bridge.

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

26 Section 2. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect immediately.