
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2193 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY RIGBY, METZGAR, BARTON, SMITH, STAATS, GUENST,
KAUFFMAN, HADDOCK, KINSEY, SCHMITT, CAUSER AND MOUL,
APRIL 8, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 8, 2024

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52761, carrying
2 Pennsylvania Route 53 over Clearfield Creek in Gallitzin
3 Township, Cambria County, as the Private Philip A. Watt
4 Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Private Philip A. Watt Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Philip A. Watt was born May 21, 1921, in Ashville.

11 (2) Philip enlisted in the United States Army on June
12 11, 1942, in Pittsburgh.

13 (3) Private Watts left the United States for foreign
14 service on January 14, 1943, and was a member of Headquarters
15 Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored
16 Division.

17 (4) On May 23, 1944, the 13th Armored Regiment was sent
18 to Anzio, Italy, to participate in the Battle of Anzio.

1 (5) On May 30, 1944, Private Watt was killed in action
2 around Anzio and was awarded the Purple Heart for his service
3 along with the Army Presidential Unit Citation and the Army
4 Good Conduct Medal posthumously.

5 (6) Private Watt is buried in the Sicily-Rome American
6 Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy.

7 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
8 52761, carrying Pennsylvania Route 53 over Clearfield Creek in
9 Gallitzin Township, Cambria County, is designated the Private
10 Philip A. Watt Memorial Bridge.

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

14 Section 2. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.