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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2246 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY SANKEY, KAUFFMAN, RYAN, KINSEY, ROAE, HILL-EVANS,  
SONNEY, BURGOS, LONGIETTI, SCHMITT, JAMES, CAUSER, KNOWLES,  
STAATS, METZGAR, COX, BERNSTINE, MILLARD, GILLEN, JOZWIAK,  
MOUL, WARNER, STRUZZI, MARSHALL, DAVANZO, NEILSON AND SMITH,  
JANUARY 14, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 14, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11802, carrying  
2 State Route 3008 over Clearfield Creek, Beccaria Township,  
3 Clearfield County, as the Corporal Cecil J. Snyder Memorial  
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Corporal Cecil J. Snyder Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Cpl. Cecil J. Snyder was born in Lyleville outside  
11 of Coalport, Clearfield County.

12 (2) In May 1939, Cpl. Snyder enlisted in the United  
13 States Army Air Corps where he received specialized training  
14 as a technician.

15 (3) At the outbreak of World War II, Cpl. Snyder served  
16 in the Pacific Theater, defending the Philippine Islands.

17 (4) Cpl. Snyder and many of his fellow soldiers were

1 taken prisoner by the Japanese when their base was captured.

2 (5) Cpl. Snyder was taken to Palawan Prison Camp where  
3 he and other prisoners were forced to work as slave labor  
4 building an airfield for the Japanese.

5 (6) On December 14, 1944, fearing the capture of the  
6 island by the advancing Allies, the Japanese High Command  
7 ordered all the prisoners to be killed.

8 (7) Cpl. Snyder and 144 soldiers were killed in what is  
9 now known as the Palawan Massacre.

10 (8) Cpl. Snyder's remains were repatriated to the United  
11 States and interred at the Jefferson Barracks National  
12 Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri, in February 1952.

13 (9) Cpl. Snyder is also memorialized at his family plot  
14 in Lyleville Cemetery.

15 (10) Cpl. Snyder received many commendations for his  
16 service, including the Purple Heart, World War II Victory  
17 Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit  
18 Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific  
19 Campaign Medal.

20 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
21 11802, carrying State Route 3008 over Clearfield Creek, Beccaria  
22 Township, Clearfield County, is designated the Corporal Cecil J.  
23 Snyder Memorial Bridge.

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

27 Section 2. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 60 days.