
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2350 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY IRVIN, SCHMITT, JAMES, BERNSTINE, KAUFFMAN,
KEPHART, STAATS, JOZWIAK, ROWE AND GILLEN, MAY 29, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 29, 2024

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52783, carrying
2 Pennsylvania Route 913 over Shoup Run in Coalmont Borough,
3 Huntingdon County, as the Private Samuel H. Thompson Memorial
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Private Samuel H. Thompson Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Samuel H. Thompson was born in Coalmont Borough,
11 Huntingdon County, on August 22, 1913.

12 (2) Private Thompson enlisted in the United States Army
13 Air Forces during World War II.

14 (3) Private Thompson served in the Philippines during
15 World War II in the 20th Air Base Group attached to the 28th
16 Materiel Squadron.

17 (4) Private Thompson was captured during the Battle of
18 the Philippines after the fall of Corregidor Island to the
19 Japanese in early 1942.

1 (5) Private Thompson was sent to the Cabanatuan Prisoner
2 of War Camp in Central Luzon, Philippines, where he died of
3 illness and malnutrition on October 29, 1942, at 29 years of
4 age.

5 (6) Private Thompson is interred in Plot D, Row 3, Grave
6 209, at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila,
7 Philippines.

8 (7) For his valiant service, Private Thompson was
9 awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, World War II Victory
10 Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit
11 Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic-Pacific
12 Campaign Medal.

13 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
14 52783, carrying Pennsylvania Route 913 over Shoup Run in
15 Coalmont Borough, Huntingdon County, is designated the Private
16 Samuel H. Thompson Memorial Bridge.

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

20 Section 2. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.