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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2375 Session of  
2024

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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, KINSEY, STAATS, KAUFFMAN, JAMES, GILLEN,  
HADDOCK, STRUZZI, DELLOSO, MOUL AND JOZWIAK, JUNE 4, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 4, 2024

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54167, carrying  
2 U.S. Route 30 over Paradise Creek between Paradise Township  
3 and Jackson Township, York County, as the Private Edward J.  
4 Stambaugh Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Private Edward J. Stambaugh Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Edward John Stambaugh was born February 24, 1923, in  
11 York.

12 (2) Private Stambaugh was a member of the Holtzschwamm  
13 Lutheran Church in Thomasville and participated in Sunday  
14 school and the church orchestra.

15 (3) Private Stambaugh enlisted in the United States Army  
16 on September 8, 1942, and completed basic training at Fort  
17 McClellan in Alabama and Fort Riley in Kansas.

18 (4) After completing basic training, Private Stambaugh  
19 was assigned to M Company, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th

1 Infantry Division at Fort Meade, Maryland, and then deployed  
2 overseas on December 5, 1943, and was stationed in Weymouth,  
3 England.

4 (5) On June 5, 1944, Private Stambaugh was transported  
5 on the USS Charles Carroll for the D-Day invasion and his  
6 company was to land in the eighth wave of the Normandy  
7 invasion, approximately 57 minutes after the first wave.

8 (6) On the morning of June 6, 1944, the six Higgins  
9 boats of M Company landed on Omaha Beach, which was still  
10 under heavy fire from previous waves on the beach.

11 (7) M Company landed some 1,400 yards to the east of  
12 their assigned landing area at the beach section designated  
13 East Red and in the 1st Infantry Division's area.

14 (8) All six boats reached the beach at approximately the  
15 same time, with Private Stambaugh and the rest of M Company  
16 quickly exiting the boats taking cover behind beach obstacles  
17 at the edge of the surf.

18 (9) While exiting, Boat Team Six was now separated from  
19 the rest of M Company and joined a small group of the 116th  
20 Regiment and began operations against a nearby German  
21 position, killing and capturing the German defenders,  
22 allowing more troops to exit the beach and for engineers to  
23 fill the anti-tank ditch and to mark minefields.

24 (10) On June 7, 1944, M Company drove west to clear the  
25 remaining German resistance where they encountered heavy  
26 artillery fire as they neared Vierville-sur-Mer, France.

27 (11) On the evening of June 12, 1944, after achieving  
28 most of its objectives, M Company crossed the Elle River  
29 under light resistance taking the towns of Saint-Clair-sur-  
30 l'Elle and Couvains, France.

1 (12) On June 16, 1944, M Company moved towards Saint-Lô,  
2 France, and their advance was met with heavy enemy fire,  
3 resulting in casualties.

4 (13) It was on this day that Private Stambaugh was  
5 killed by artillery fire, near the village of Couvains,  
6 France.

7 (14) The morning report of M Company on June 16, 1944,  
8 listed Private Stambaugh as killed in action.

9 (15) For his bravery, Private Stambaugh was posthumously  
10 awarded a Purple Heart medal and was buried on June 23, 1944,  
11 at the La Cambe Cemetery located approximately 6.5 miles west  
12 of Omaha Beach and approximately 13 miles north of where  
13 Private Stambaugh was killed.

14 (16) On January 20, 1948, Private Stambaugh's remains,  
15 at the request of family, were returned to the United States,  
16 and on February 19, 1948, his remains were buried at the  
17 Paradise Holtzschwamm Lutheran Church Cemetery in  
18 Thomasville.

19 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
20 54167, carrying U.S. Route 30 over Paradise Creek between  
21 Paradise Township and Jackson Township, York County, is  
22 designated the Private Edward J. Stambaugh 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 in 60 days.