

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1798

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE NEILSON

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by striking out the period after

2 "Bridge" and inserting

3 ; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8344, carrying  
4 U.S. Route 22 over Pennsylvania Route 160, also known as New  
5 Germany Road, in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the  
6 Charles J. Vizzini Memorial Bridge; and making a repeal.

7 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 23 and 24

8 Section 2. Charles J. Vizzini Memorial Bridge.

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

11 (1) Charles J. Vizzini was born March 8, 1924, to John  
12 and Lillian Vizzini in Colver.

13 (2) He served in the United States Army during World War  
14 II as a private and was wounded twice.

15 (3) While fighting in France, Private Vizzini was struck  
16 in the chest by bullets from a German automatic pistol and  
17 was saved from serious injury and possible death by a  
18 Catholic Bible in his left breast pocket and a Catholic  
19 missal in his right breast pocket when bullets penetrated  
20 both books.

21 (4) After returning to Cambria County, Mr. Vizzini went  
22 on to graduate from Cambria Rowe Business College and later  
23 worked for a time as a coal miner and steelworker, in the  
24 Ebensburg Center and, eventually, at the Office of Auditor  
25 General for more than 25 years.

26 (5) A passionate advocate for his fellow veterans, Mr.  
27 Vizzini served as Commander of Ebensburg Post 4963, Veterans  
28 of Foreign Wars, and organized annual Veterans Day memorial  
29 services as well as memorial services for the anniversary of  
30 the bombing of Pearl Harbor and to honor the memory of fellow  
31 Cambria County native Marine Sergeant Michael Strank, who  
32 helped to raise the United States flag at Iwo Jima.

33 (6) A caring member of his community, Mr. Vizzini  
34 organized memorial services to honor the 63 miners who died  
35 in the 1940 Sonman Mines explosion in Portage and was  
36 influential in honoring the 112 individuals who lost their  
37 lives in the Cambria Steel Company's 1902 Rolling Mine Mill

1 explosion in Johnstown.

2 (7) Mr. Vizzini was well-known throughout his community,  
3 most notably for his passionate advocacy for his fellow  
4 veterans and for the residents of Cambria Township, including  
5 his efforts to keep the Ebensburg Center open, his work with  
6 Ebensburg's annual Christmas celebrations, particularly the  
7 life-size nativity scene, his organization of the Northern  
8 Cambria County Immigrants Day in Nanty Glo and his efforts to  
9 clean Sandyvale Cemetery.

10 (8) Charles J. Vizzini passed away on August 11, 2009,  
11 at the age of 85.

12 (9) A decorated military veteran, Mr. Vizzini's awards  
13 include two Purple Hearts and one Bronze Star.

14 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8344,  
15 carrying U.S. Route 22 over Pennsylvania Route 160, also known  
16 as New Germany Road, in Cambria Township, Cambria County, is  
17 designated the Charles J. Vizzini Memorial Bridge.

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

22 Section 3. Repeals.

23 Repeals are as follows:

24 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under  
25 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the designation  
26 under section 2.

27 (2) Section 21 of the act of November 3, 2022 (P.L.2028,  
28 No.140), is repealed.

29 Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "2" and  
30 inserting

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