
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 202 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY GLEIM, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY, STAATS, RAPP, GILLEN,
DELLOSO, STRUZZI AND DEASY, MARCH 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 13775, carrying
2 Pennsylvania Route 641 over Big Spring Creek on the border of
3 Newville Borough and West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland
4 County, as the SFC Randall Shughart Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. SFC Randall Shughart Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Sergeant First Class Randall David "Randy" Shughart
11 was born August 13, 1958, in Lincoln, Nebraska, into an Air
12 Force family.

13 (2) The Shugharts moved to Newville, Pennsylvania, after
14 SFC Shughart's father left the United States Air Force,
15 living on and tending to a dairy farm.

16 (3) SFC Shughart joined the United States Army while
17 attending Big Spring High School in Newville and entered upon
18 graduation.

19 (4) SFC Shughart completed a pre-ranger course and was

1 granted a slot to attend Army Ranger School, from which he
2 graduated and earned the coveted Ranger Tab.

3 (5) SFC Shughart left the service for a time and then
4 reenlisted into the Army Rangers. He was later assigned to
5 "Delta Force" and transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

6 (6) SFC Shughart was deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia,
7 with other Delta Force members in the summer of 1993 as part
8 of Task Force Ranger.

9 (7) On October 3, 1993, SFC Shughart was a member of the
10 sniper team during Operation Gothic Serpent, a joint-force
11 assault mission to apprehend key advisers to Somali warlord
12 Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

13 (8) During the assault, Super Six One and Four, two of
14 the Army's Black Hawk helicopters providing insertion and air
15 support to the assault team, were shot down and crashed in
16 the city.

17 (9) SFC Shughart and his Delta Sniper Team Leader,
18 Master Sergeant Gary Gordon, were inserted approximately 100
19 meters from the second crash site, armed with only their
20 sniper rifles and sidearms, and made their way to the
21 location of the downed Blackhawk.

22 (10) When Master Sergeant Gordon and SFC Shughart
23 reached Super Six Four, they extracted the pilot, Chief
24 Warrant Officer Mike Durant, and other crew members from the
25 aircraft and established defensive positions around the
26 crash.

27 (11) It is believed that Master Sergeant Gordon was
28 first to be shot by a mob, which had surrounded the crash
29 site.

30 (12) SFC Shughart retrieved Master Sergeant Gordon's

1 CAR-15 assault rifle and gave it to Chief Warrant Officer
2 Durant to use. Shortly after, SFC Shughart was killed, the
3 site was overrun and Chief Warrant Officer Durant was beaten
4 by the mob before being taken hostage.

5 (13) SFC Shughart posthumously received the Medal of
6 Honor for his heroic actions and sacrifice.

7 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
8 13775, carrying Pennsylvania Route 641 over Big Spring Creek on
9 the border of Newville Borough and West Pennsboro Township,
10 Cumberland County, is designated the SFC Randall Shughart
11 Memorial Bridge.

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

15 Section 2. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.