

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2742 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, JULY 11, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 11, 2022

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 54168, carrying
 2 U.S. Route 30 over Little Conewago Creek, between N. Grant
 3 Road and Stone Lane in Thomasville, Jackson Township, York
 4 County, as the Second Lieutenant John H. Sterner Memorial
 5 Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. Second Lieutenant John H. Sterner Memorial Bridge.

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

11 (1) Second Lieutenant John H. Sterner of Thomasville
 12 served in the 17th Airborne Infantry.

13 (2) Second Lieutenant Sterner fought in the attack on
 14 Pearl Harbor, the Invasion of Normandy and Operation Varsity,
 15 the largest airborne operation in history to be conducted on
 16 a single day and in one location.

17 (3) Upon landing by parachute behind enemy lines with
 18 the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Second Lieutenant
 19 Sterner led his men in the attack of an enemy strong point.

20 (4) Second Lieutenant Sterner was killed in action on

1 March 24, 1945, during Operation Varsity.

2 (5) Second Lieutenant Sterner was posthumously awarded
3 the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his bravery.

4 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
5 54168, carrying U.S. Route 30 over Little Conewago Creek,
6 between N. Grant Road and Stone Lane in Thomasville, Jackson
7 Township, York County, is designated the Second Lieutenant John
8 H. Sterner Memorial Bridge.

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

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.