

No. 2004-113

AN ACT

SB 1073

Redesignating the bridge on State Route 228 which passes over Interstate 79 in Cranberry Township, Butler County, as the 79th Infantry Division Memorial Bridge.

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

Section 1. Redesignation of bridge in Butler County.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania finds and declares as follows:

(1) The 79th Infantry Division of the United States Army fought gallantly in Normandy and elsewhere during World War II.

(2) The 79th Infantry Division was known as the Cross of Lorraine Division from the insignia they wore on their shoulders. The insignia was adopted after the division distinguished itself in that region of France in World War I.

(3) The 79th Infantry Division contained three regiments, the 313th Infantry Regiment, the 314th Infantry Regiment and the 315th Infantry Regiment.

(4) The members of the 79th Infantry Division braved frigid waters and a torrent of enemy fire to land on the European continent at Utah Beach and begin the long march that would put an end to the tyranny of the Nazis. Sadly, many members would never return home to their families.

(5) June 2004 marks the 60th anniversary of the division's landing in Normandy.

(6) It is fitting and good public policy to honor those brave soldiers and thank them for their sacrifices to preserve our freedom.

(b) Redesignation.—The bridge on State Route 228 which passes over Interstate 79 in Cranberry Township, Butler County, Department of Transportation No. BMS 10-0228-0010-1443, is hereby redesignated as the 79th Infantry Division Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.—The department shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge redesignated in subsection (b) to traffic in both directions on the bridge. These signs shall contain a reproduction of the 79th Infantry Division insignia. The department shall also place an appropriate marker containing the name of the bridge on both sides of the bridge to be visible to traffic on Interstate 79.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 19th day of November, A.D. 2004.

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