

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James C. Arena-DeRosa***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/30/2024</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James C. Arena-DeRosa that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge. Transportation.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act designating a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton as the Major General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the naming of a certain bridge in the town of Hopkinton, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Massachusetts Department of Transportation Bridge number H-23-009  
2 located on Fruit street in the town of Hopkinton shall be designated and known as the Major  
3 General Frank D. Merrill memorial bridge in recognition of United States Army Major General  
4 Frank D. Merrill, who was born in Hopkinton and displayed outstanding courage and leadership  
5 during World War II. Major General Merrill led the 5307th Composite Unit, later nicknamed  
6 Merrill's Marauders, which fought in 5 major engagements and 32 skirmishes in the mountainous  
7 jungles of the South-East Asian theater resulting in each member being awarded the  
8 Congressional Gold Medal.

9           SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain  
10 suitable markers on the bridge bearing the designation in compliance with the standards of the  
11 department.