

HOUSE No.

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>

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

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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.