
 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1972 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, HENNESSEY, TOEPEL, SONNEY, HEFFLEY,
McNEILL, COHEN, LUCAS, BROOKS, GODSHALL, BIZZARRO, CAUSER,
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DIGIROLAMO, MICOZZIE, W. KELLER, TALLMAN, KOTIK, MILLARD,
EVERETT, CALTAGIRONE, GOODMAN, BROWNLEE, FARINA, WATSON,
LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MURT, GINGRICH, HAHN, NEUMAN, GILLEN,
MAJOR, D. COSTA, GROVE, QUINN, M. K. KELLER AND MATZIE,
JANUARY 22, 2014

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 26, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge in Greene County as the Lieutenant Colonel
2 Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge-; ~~AND DESIGNATING THE~~ <--
3 BRIDGES RECOGNIZED AS MF 195 AND MF 196 CARRYING STATE ROUTE
4 43 OVER THE DUNLAP CREEK IN LUZERNE TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY,
5 AS THE ~~FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO) BRIDGES~~ <--
6 FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY COMPLETION ORGANIZATION (FAECO) BRIDGES-; <--
7 AND DESIGNATING STATE BRIDGE NO. 53-0054-0290-0143 CARRYING
8 S.R. 54 IN MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, OVER THE
9 READING AND NORTHERN RAILROAD, AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY
10 MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

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

13 Section 1. Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

14 (a) Findings and declarations.--The General Assembly finds
15 and declares as follows:

16 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe was born on
17 November 7, 1957, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and passed
18 away at 54 years of age on March 2, 2012, of natural causes.

1 (2) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe proudly and courageously
2 served his country in the United States Army for 36 years.

3 (3) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe began his career as an
4 enlisted soldier and excelled through the ranks. When
5 Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was an E-5 (SGT) he applied and was
6 accepted into flight school in which he received his aviation
7 wings at Fort Rucker, Alabama, as a Warrant Officer.

8 (4) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was a former Warrant
9 Officer who received a direct commission appointment to the
10 Medical Service Corps and was qualified in the UH-1, AH-1,
11 UH-60, T-42, U-21 and C-12 aircraft.

12 (5) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was one of the most
13 experienced Medical Service Corps aviators and was a Master
14 Army Aviator and a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm,
15 the Bosnian War -- Operation Joint Endeavor and two tours in
16 Iraq - Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan - Operation
17 Enduring Freedom.

18 (b) Designation.--The bridge that carries State Route 18,
19 Section D10, Segment 0070, Offset 0038, over Fish Creek in New
20 Freeport Township, Greene County, is designated as the
21 Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

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

25 SECTION 2. ~~FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO)~~ <--
26 FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY COMPLETION ORGANIZATION (FAECO) <--
27 BRIDGES.

28 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
29 AND DECLARES:

30 (1) THE ~~FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS~~ <--

1 ~~FAYCO~~ FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY COMPLETION ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS <--
2 FAECO, WAS A CITIZENS GROUP FORMED TO BUILD A LOCAL SUPPORT
3 NETWORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIMITED-ACCESS, FOUR-LANE
4 HIGHWAY THROUGH FAYETTE COUNTY.

5 (2) THE ORGANIZATION REMAINED COMMITTED TO COMPLETION OF
6 THE PROJECT THROUGH ALL PHASES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MON-
7 FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY (STATE ROUTE 43) THROUGH FAYETTE COUNTY.

8 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGES RECOGNIZED AS MF 195 AND MF
9 196 CARRYING STATE ROUTE 43 OVER THE DUNLAP CREEK IN LUZERNE
10 TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, ARE DESIGNATED AS THE ~~FAYETTE COUNTY~~ <--
11 ~~EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO) BRIDGES.~~ FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY <--
12 COMPLETION ORGANIZATION (FAECO) BRIDGES.

13 (C) SIGNS.--THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION SHALL ERECT
14 AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE ~~BRIDGE~~ <--
15 BRIDGES TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY. <--
16 SECTION 3. CORNELIUS MCELHENNY MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

17 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
18 AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

19 (1) FOR MANY YEARS, THE BRIDGE CARRYING S.R. 54 OVER THE
20 READING AND NORTHERN RAILROAD IN MAHANAY TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL
21 COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 53-0054-0290-0143,
22 HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY BRIDGE.

23 (2) IT WAS NAMED FOR CORNELIUS MCELHENNY, A RESIDENT OF
24 MAHANAY TOWNSHIP AND A LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVANT.

25 (3) CORNELIUS MCELHENNY WAS BORN JUNE 13, 1900, AND DIED
26 FEBRUARY 11, 1971.

27 (4) HE WORKED IN THE MOREA COLLIERY AND SERVED AS
28 PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF
29 AMERICA FROM 1930 UNTIL 1943.

30 (5) THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE ALSO HELD POSITIONS AS

1 SUPERVISOR FOR MAHANAY TOWNSHIP, PRESIDENT OF THE MAHANAY
2 TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY, MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
3 EXECUTIVE BOARD, MEMBER OF THE MAHANAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD,
4 MEMBER OF THE MAHANAY AREA SCHOOL BOARD AND DIRECTOR OF THE
5 MOREA-NEW BOSTON BREAKER CORPORATION. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN
6 ST. CANICUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MAHANAY CITY.

7 (6) CORNELIUS MCELHENNY DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HIS
8 COMMUNITY, AND IT IS FITTING THAT THE BRIDGE BE OFFICIALLY
9 AND PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED IN HIS HONOR.

10 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE, KNOWN AS STATE BRIDGE NO. 53-
11 0054-0290-0143, CARRYING S.R. 54 IN MAHANAY TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL
12 COUNTY, OVER THE READING AND NORTHERN RAILROAD, IS HEREBY
13 DESIGNATED AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

14 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
15 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
16 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

17 Section ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4. Effective date. <--

18 This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days~~. AS FOLLOWS: <--

19 (1) ~~SECTION 1~~ SECTIONS 1 AND 3 OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE <--
20 EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

21 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
22 IMMEDIATELY.