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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2108 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, M. K. KELLER, COX, HAHN, MARSICO,  
BERNSTINE, DAVIS, EVERETT, HEFFLEY AND DiGIROLAMO,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Designating an interchange of Interstate 180 in Loyalsock  
2 Township, Lycoming County, as the United States Army Sgt.  
3 Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt.  
4 Hamilton T. Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

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

7 Section 1. United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and  
8 United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff  
9 Memorial Interchange.

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

12 (1) United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr.,  
13 lived most of his life in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming  
14 County.

15 (2) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., served in the United  
16 States Army during the Korean Conflict as a supply sergeant  
17 and, after returning home from active duty, continued his  
18 life of service.

1           (3) In 1948, Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., joined the  
2 Loyalsock Township Volunteer Fire Company Number 1, where he  
3 served in various capacities.

4           (4) In addition to being appointed Justice of the Peace,  
5 Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., was elected to the Loyalsock  
6 School Board.

7           (5) Sadly, in May 2010, after battling cancer, Sgt.  
8 Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., passed away.

9           (6) Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., is survived by his  
10 wife of 45 years, the former Shirley Boyer from  
11 Montoursville, his children Carol (Dave) Yorks, Thomas Jr.  
12 (Tami), Howard (Dawn), Robert, and Susan (Scott) Lorson. Two  
13 granddaughters, six grandsons and one great-granddaughter  
14 also survive him.

15           (7) Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr.'s grandson, United  
16 States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff, was born in  
17 Williamsport, Lycoming County.

18           (8) Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff attended Duboistown  
19 Elementary School, South Williamsport Area Junior High School  
20 and Mansfield Area High School, graduating as the president  
21 and salutatorian of his class in 2004 and accepting early  
22 enlistment for the United States Marine Corps between his  
23 junior and senior year.

24           (9) While serving in the United State Marine Corps, Sgt.  
25 Hamilton T. Woodruff was an Arabic translator. As a member of  
26 the Recon Group, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff intercepted  
27 communications and interpreted those communications that had  
28 targeted his fellow troops.

29           (10) Sadly, on April 13, 2009, Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff  
30 was involved in a vehicle accident while returning to Camp

1 Lejeune, North Carolina, and he died on April 14, 2009.

2 (11) Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff posthumously received a  
3 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Award for his lifesaving  
4 work in the Marine Corps.

5 (b) Designation.--The Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at  
6 Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is  
7 designated as the United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff,  
8 Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff  
9 Memorial Interchange.

10 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
11 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the  
12 interchange.

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.