

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1156

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE DeLISSIO

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out "and"

2 Amend Bill, page 1, line 18, by striking out the period after
3 "Highway" and inserting

4 ; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4001,
5 also known as Henry Avenue, over the Wissahickon Creek and
6 Lincoln Drive in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia County, as the
7 Brigadier General Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays Memorial Bridge.

8 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

9 Section 7. Brigadier General Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays Memorial
10 Bridge.

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

13 (1) In 1941, Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays graduated with a
14 degree in nursing from the Allentown General Hospital School
15 of Nursing.

16 (2) After the attack on Pearl Harbor, a sense of duty
17 inspired her to join the Army Nurse Corps and she entered
18 active duty in 1942.

19 (3) In 1943, she was deployed for two and a half years
20 to Ledo, Assam, India, where she was assigned to the
21 operating room and her unit provided care to more than 49,000
22 patients, including American soldiers who were building an
23 overland communication route to China, fighting the Japanese
24 in Burma and flying supplies over the Himalayan Mountains to
25 Chinese forces.

26 (4) In 1945, she was promoted to first lieutenant and
27 chose to remain on active duty after World War II when she
28 was assigned to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, New
29 Jersey, as an operating room supervisor and later as head
30 nurse.

31 (5) In 1947, she was promoted to captain and
32 subsequently became the obstetrics supervisor at Valley Forge
33 General Hospital in Phoenixville.

34 (6) In 1950, after hostilities broke out in Korea, she
35 mobilized with the 4th Field Hospital at Fort Benning,

1 Georgia, where she participated in the notorious Inchon
2 Landing on September 15, 1950, and assisted the 4th Field
3 Hospital in caring for more than 25,000 patients.

4 (7) In May 1956, she reported for duty as head nurse of
5 the Emergency Room at Walter Reed General Hospital in
6 Washington, DC, where she was one of the private nurses to
7 care for President Dwight D. Eisenhower while he was
8 hospitalized there for 23 days after suffering an ileitis
9 attack.

10 (8) In 1958, she graduated from Columbia University
11 Teacher's College with a bachelor of science degree in
12 nursing education.

13 (9) In October 1960, she became chief nurse of the 11th
14 Evacuation Hospital in Pusan, South Korea.

15 (10) In September 1963, she was selected as Assistant
16 Chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

17 (11) On September 1, 1967, Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays was
18 sworn in as the 13th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps, where she
19 guided the Army Nurse Corps during the worst fighting of the
20 Vietnam War.

21 (12) In 1968, she was promoted to colonel and received a
22 master of science in nursing from the Catholic University of
23 America.

24 (13) On June 11, 1970, Anna Mae V. McCabe Hays was
25 promoted to brigadier general and became the first woman in
26 the United States Armed Forces to achieve the rank of
27 general.

28 (14) Her recommendations to Surgeon General Hal B.
29 Jennings led to groundbreaking reforms in personnel policies,
30 including the elimination of automatic discharges for married
31 officers who became pregnant and the elimination of
32 restrictions on the age of dependents of female nurses
33 seeking appointment in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

34 (15) She retired as Chief of the Army Nurse Corps on
35 August 31, 1971, after serving in the position for four
36 years.

37 (16) On January 7, 2018, she passed away at the age of
38 97 and Governor Tom Wolf ordered the Commonwealth flag at the
39 Capitol Complex and at all State facilities in Allentown to
40 fly at half staff in honor of her memory.

41 (17) Her numerous awards included the Distinguished
42 Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal,
43 American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with
44 one service star, World War II Victory Medal, Army of
45 Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with oak
46 leaf cluster, Korean Service Medal with three service stars
47 and the United Nations Service Medal (Korea).

48 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on that portion of
49 State Route 4001, also known as Henry Avenue, over the
50 Wissahickon Creek and Lincoln Drive in Fairmount Park,
51 Philadelphia County, is designated as the Brigadier General Anna

1 Mae V. McCabe Hays Memorial Bridge.
2 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
3 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
4 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
5 Amend Bill, page 7, line 10, by striking out "7" and
6 inserting
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