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AND HENNESSEY, APRIL 20, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 20, 1995

AN ACT

1 Renaming the Southeastern State Veterans Center as the Dick
2 Thornburgh State Veterans Center.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Legislative findings.

6 The General Assembly finds as follows:

7 (1) During his term of office as Governor of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dick Thornburgh was most
9 interested in the welfare and well-being of the veterans
10 residing in this Commonwealth.

11 (2) Dick Thornburgh was instrumental in starting the
12 Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Centers enabling
13 many of our veterans to receive financial assistance.

14 (3) Dick Thornburgh was responsible for the renovation
15 and expansion of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home
16 in Erie and the Hollidaysburg Veterans Center in Blair

County.

(4) During his terms in office, Dick Thornburgh also doubled the State pension for this Commonwealth's blind veterans and provided for a State pension to paralyzed veterans.

(5) Upon the recommendation of a site selection committee, Dick Thornburgh chose the Pennhurst State School and Hospital and provided the necessary funding for what is now known as the Southeastern State Veterans Center.

Section 2. Renaming the center.

The Southeastern State Veterans Center located at the Pennhurst State School is hereby renamed the Dick Thornburgh State Veterans Center.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.