

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1846 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY TRUE, BEAR, CUTLER, BOYD, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER,
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LENTZ, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, McILHATTAN, MELIO, METCALFE,
MILLARD, MURT, MUSTIO, NAILOR, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE,
PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PYLE, RAPP, ROHRER, ROSS, SCAVELLO,
SOLOBAY, STERN, SURRA, SWANGER, TURZAI, VEREB, VULAKOVICH,
WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND REICHLEY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

AN ACT

1 Designating State Bridge No. 36-4009-0030-0000, the newly
2 replaced bridge on Dillerville Road in the City of Lancaster,
3 Lancaster County, as the Edward Anthony Davis Bridge.

4 WHEREAS, United States Navy Captain Edward Anthony Davis of
5 Lancaster County, ex-prisoner of war, was awarded three Silver
6 Stars, the Legion of Merit with combat citation, four Bronze
7 Stars with Valor Device, five Air Medals, two Purple Hearts and
8 three Navy Commendation Medals with Valor Device for military
9 service during the Vietnam era; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in Norristown and raised in Roxborough,
11 Montgomery County, Capt. Davis was a champion rower at St.
12 Joseph's Preparatory School, attended Villanova University and
13 was a 1962 graduate of the United States Naval Academy; and

14 WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was shot down over North Vietnam on

1 August 26, 1965, during his 57th combat mission off the aircraft
2 carrier USS Oriskany; and

3 WHEREAS, Capt. Davis endured captivity at the prisoner-of-war
4 camp known as the Hanoi Hilton through February 12, 1973; and

5 WHEREAS, Released with other long-serving prisoners of war as
6 part of Operation Homecoming, Capt. Davis returned with a puppy
7 he had liberated from his captors; and

8 WHEREAS, After repatriation, Capt. Davis completed graduate
9 studies in international relations at the University of
10 Virginia; and

11 WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was the Navy's Director of Advertising
12 and then Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District,
13 Harrisburg, before retiring in 1987; and

14 WHEREAS, An outstanding public speaker, Capt. Davis was POW
15 consultant to the National Vietnam War Museum and member of the
16 Lancaster Municipal Airport Authority, the Sertoma Club of
17 Lancaster and the Penn Manor School District Board of Directors;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Capt. Davis died November 7, 2006, at 67 years of
20 age; and

21 WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was buried with full military honors in
22 Arlington National Cemetery.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Edward Anthony Davis Bridge.

26 (a) Designation.--The newly replaced bridge on Dillerville
27 Road in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, State Bridge
28 No. 36-4009-0030-0000, is designated and shall be known as the
29 Edward Anthony Davis Bridge.

30 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

- 1 maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the
- 2 bridge designated in subsection (a) at each end of the bridge.
- 3 Section 2. Effective date.
- 4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.