## 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, YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS, THOMAS, SANKEY, COX, KIM, STERN, JAMES, 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 AND M. K. KELLER, JANUARY 22, 2014

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

## AN ACT

- Designating a bridge in Greene County as the Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.
- 6 (a) Findings and declarations. -- The General Assembly finds
- 7 and declares as follows:
- 8 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe was born on
- 9 November 7, 1957, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and passed
- away at 54 years of age on March 2, 2012, of natural causes.
- 11 (2) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe proudly and courageously
- served his country in the United States Army for 36 years.
- 13 (3) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe began his career as an
- 14 enlisted soldier and excelled through the ranks. When

- 1 Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was an E-5 (SGT) he applied and was
- 2 accepted into flight school in which he received his aviation
- 3 wings at Fort Rucker, Alabama, as a Warrant Officer.
- 4 (4) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was a former Warrant
- 5 Officer who received a direct commission appointment to the
- 6 Medical Service Corps and was qualified in the UH-1, AH-1,
- 7 UH-60, T-42, U-21 and C-12 aircraft.
- 8 (5) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was one of the most
- 9 experienced Medical Service Corps aviators and was a Master
- 10 Army Aviator and a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm,
- 11 the Bosnian War -- Operation Joint Endeavor and two tours in
- 12 Iraq Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan Operation
- 13 Enduring Freedom.
- 14 (b) Designation. -- The bridge that carries State Route 18,
- 15 Section D10, Segment 0070, Offset 0038, over Fish Creek in New
- 16 Freeport Township, Greene County, is designated as the
- 17 Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.
- 18 (c) Signs. -- The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 19 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to

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- 20 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 21 Section 2. Effective date.
- 22 This act shall take effect immediately IN 60 DAYS.