

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 720 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, RAPP, BAKER, SANKEY, DUSH, SONNEY, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, COX, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, FARINA, GOODMAN, HAHN, HEFFLEY, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, KIM, McNEILL, MILLARD, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, VEREB, WHEELAND, DEASY, MAHONEY, O'NEILL, GILLEN, BRADFORD, MURT, WARD, WATSON, GROVE, GABLER AND McCARTER, MARCH 6, 2015

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 14, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 155 over the
2 Allegheny River, Port Allegany Borough and Liberty Township,
3 McKean County, as the Port Allegany Veterans Memorial Bridge; <--
4 AND DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF LOCAL ROUTE T-325
5 OVER THE ALLEGHENY RIVER, COUDERSPORT BOROUGH, POTTER COUNTY,
6 AS THE LT. WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Port Allegany Veterans Memorial Bridge.

10 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares that
11 Port Allegany Borough and Liberty Township wish to honor their
12 citizens who have served or are currently serving our nation in
13 the armed forces.

14 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 155 at
15 segment 0160 offset 2314 over the Allegheny River, Port Allegany
16 Borough and Liberty Township, McKean County, is hereby
17 designated as the Port Allegany Veterans Memorial Bridge.

1 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
2 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to  
3 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

4 SECTION 2. LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

5 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS  
6 FOLLOWS:

7 (1) LT. WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR., WAS AN OUTSTANDING  
8 SCHOLAR, ROLE MODEL AND ATHLETE AT COUDERSPORT AREA HIGH  
9 SCHOOL.

10 (2) LT. DAISLEY ACCEPTED APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. NAVAL  
11 ACADEMY AND GRADUATED WITH HIGH HONORS.

12 (3) LT. DAISLEY WAS AN A-6 PILOT AND LANDING SIGNAL  
13 OFFICER ASSIGNED TO ATTACK SQUADRON 34.

14 (4) ON MARCH 15, 1993, LT. DAISLEY AND LIEUTENANT  
15 COMMANDER FRED D. DILLINGHAM WERE CONDUCTING AN F-14  
16 FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHT AS PART OF A TRAINING EXERCISE OFF THE  
17 COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THEIR PLANE FAILED TO RETURN.

18 (5) NAVY AND COAST GUARD AIRCRAFT STARTED SEARCH AND  
19 RESCUE OPERATIONS AND THE WRECKAGE FROM THE F-14 WAS SPOTTED  
20 LATER THAT AFTERNOON 20 MILES EAST OF NAGS HEAD, NORTH  
21 CAROLINA, AND THE AVIATORS' BODIES WERE NEVER RECOVERED.

22 (6) LT. DAISLEY IS CONSISTENTLY REFERRED TO AS AN  
23 INSPIRATIONAL FIGURE BY HIS FRIENDS, CLASSMATES AND OTHERS  
24 WHO KNEW HIM AND IS DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS COMMUNITY.

25 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON LOCAL ROUTE T-325 IN  
26 COUDERSPORT BOROUGH, POTTER COUNTY, OVER THE ALLEGHENY RIVER IS  
27 HEREBY DESIGNATED THE LT. WILLIAM E. DAISLEY, JR., MEMORIAL  
28 BRIDGE.

29 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
30 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO

- 1 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.
- 2 Section ~~2~~ 3. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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