

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and
2 Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J.
3 Peterman Memorial Highway.

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

6 Section 1. Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial
7 Highway.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
9 follows:

10 (1) Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman was born in
11 Nordmont, Sullivan County, on January 19, 1923, and in 1941,
12 graduated from Sullivan Highlands School, Sonestown. He
13 enlisted in the United States Navy 11 days after graduation.

14 (2) Lieutenant Commander Peterman spent the early years
15 of his service in the Navy assigned to submarines. Lieutenant
16 Commander Peterman was initially assigned to the USS Flying
17 Fish (SS229). While abroad, Lieutenant Commander Peterman
18 made nine war patrols, having a part in the Battle of Midway,

1 patrolling the Truk Lagoon off the Caroline Islands and
2 patrolling in the Sea of Japan.

3 (3) After serving aboard submarines for 11 years,
4 Lieutenant Commander Peterman served as a torpedo instructor.
5 In 1955, Lieutenant Commander Peterman became a commissioned
6 officer, serving at ammunition depots in New Jersey and
7 California. He also spent time on the USS Henrico (APA45) as
8 a gunnery officer and then on the USS Sperry (AS12) as a
9 weapons repair officer. He served the last five years of his
10 Navy career as an underwater weapons officer in Newport,
11 Rhode Island. Upon retiring in 1972 as a lieutenant
12 commander, he returned home to his native Sullivan County,
13 where he served a term as county sheriff, and as a Laporte
14 Township Supervisor.

15 (4) Lieutenant Commander Peterman was active in his
16 community where, as a member of the Williamsport Base of the
17 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., he participated in
18 visits to the Janet Weis Children's Hospital, visiting with
19 pediatric patients while making them "honorary submariners."
20 Lieutenant Commander Peterman would wear his uniform for
21 these visits, often giving the children a living history
22 lesson. Lieutenant Commander Peterman was also an active
23 member of the Sonestown American Legion Post #601.

24 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 220 from State
25 Route 405 in Hughesville Borough, Lycoming County, to State
26 Route 42 in Laporte Township, Sullivan County, is hereby
27 designated as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial
28 Highway.

29 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
30 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to

1 traffic in both directions on the highway.

2 Section 2. Effective date.

3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.