SGTS. THOMAS WOODRUFF, SR., AND HAMILTON WOODRUFF MEMORIAL INTERCHANGE - DESIGNATION

Act of Nov. 17, 2021, P.L. 432, No. 85 Cl. 87 An Act

Designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

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

Section 1. Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

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

(1) United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., lived most of his life in Loyalsock Township.

(2) In 1948, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff joined the Loyalsock Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, where he served in various capacities.

(3) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict as a supply sergeant. After returning home from active duty, he continued a life of service.

(4) In addition to being appointed Justice of the Peace, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff was also elected as a member of the Loyalsock Township School Board.

(5) Sadly in May 2000, after battling cancer, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff passed away.

(6) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former Shirley Boyer, and children Carol (Dave) Yorks, Thomas (Tami) Woodruff, Jr., Howard (Dawn) Woodruff, Robert Woodruff and Susan (Scott) Lorson. He also is survived by two granddaughters, six grandsons, two

great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons. (7) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff's grandson, United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

(8) Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff attended DuBoistown Elementary School, South Williamsport Area Junior High School and Mansfield Area High School, where he graduated as the president and salutatorian of his class in 2004. Between his junior and senior years, he accepted early enlistment in the United States Marine Corps.

(9) While serving in the United States Marine Corps, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff served as an Arabic translator. As a member of the recon group, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff intercepted and interpreted communications that had targeted his fellow troops.

(10) On April 13, 2009, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff was involved in a vehicle accident while returning to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and died the next day, April 14, 2009.

(11) Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff posthumously received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his lifesaving work in the Marine Corps.

(b) Designation.--The Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is designated as the Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton
Woodruff Memorial Interchange.
 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect
and maintain appropriate signs at the interchange displaying
the name of the interchange.
Section 2. Effective date.
 This act shall take effect in 60 days.