

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2123 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, BURNS, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, KORTZ, COX, SCHMITT, SAINATO, MILLARD, T. DAVIS, CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, HICKERNELL, PYLE, DIGIROLAMO, BERNSTINE, ROTHMAN, JAMES, SONNEY, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, PICKETT, OWLETT, READSHAW, HILL-EVANS, M. K. KELLER, JOZWIAK, STAATS AND NEILSON, DECEMBER 10, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 10, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway  
 2 Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the United  
 3 States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and United States  
 4 Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

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

7 Section 1. United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and  
 8 United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff  
 9 Memorial Interchange.

10 (a) Findings.--

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

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

17 (3) In 1948, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff joined the Loyalsock

1 Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, where he served in  
2 various capacities.

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

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

8 (6) He is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former  
9 Shirley Boyer, and children Carol (Dave) Yorks, Thomas (Tami)  
10 Woodruff, Jr., Howard (Dawn) Woodruff, Robert Woodruff and  
11 Susan (Scott) Lorson. He also is survived by two  
12 granddaughters, six grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

13 (7) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff's grandson, United States  
14 Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff, was born in  
15 Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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

22 (9) While serving in the United States Marine Corps,  
23 Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff served as an Arabic translator. As a  
24 member of the Recon Group, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff intercepted  
25 and interpreted communications that had targeted his fellow  
26 troops.

27 (10) On April 13, 2009, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff was  
28 involved in a vehicle accident while returning to Camp  
29 Lejeune, North Carolina, and died the next day, April 14,  
30 2009.

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

4       (b) Designation.--The Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at  
5 Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is  
6 designated as the United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff,  
7 Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff  
8 Memorial Interchange.

9       (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
10 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to  
11 traffic in both directions on the highway.

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.