

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1646 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY GRUITZA, WILT AND FARGO, JUNE 14, 1999

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
APRIL 18, 2000

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 318 in Mercer County as the
2 Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway; AND NAMING A BRIDGE IN <—
3 HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP, ERIE COUNTY, THE PETER DINICOLA BRIDGE.

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

6 Section 1. (a) The portion of State Route 318 from the Ohio
7 State line to the intersection of State Route 18 in Mercer
8 County is designated and shall be known as the Korean War
9 Veterans Memorial Highway.

10 (b) The Department of Transportation shall erect and
11 maintain appropriate signs identifying the above portion of road
12 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

13 SECTION 2. (A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND <—
14 DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

15 (1) PETER DINICOLA, BORN IN 1897, WAS AN ITALIAN
16 IMMIGRANT WHO SETTLED IN THE HARBORCREEK STATION ROAD AREA
17 SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 90, NEAR ERIE, ERIE COUNTY IN 1913.

1 (2) PETER DINICOLA SERVED WITH THE 12TH PENNSYLVANIA
2 STATE MILITIA AND WAS ACTIVATED DURING THE PANCHO VILLA
3 UPRISING IN MEXICO.

4 (3) PRIOR TO HIS DEATH IN 1957, PETER DINICOLA DEVELOPED
5 A REPUTATION AS A SKILLED BRICKLAYER AND BUILDER AND BETWEEN
6 1930 TO THE MID-1950'S BECAME KNOWN AS ONE OF THE LEADING
7 CONTRACTORS IN THE ERIE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMUNITIES
8 OF HARBORCREEK AND WESLEYVILLE.

9 (4) LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHER IMMIGRANTS OF HIS TIME,
10 PETER DINICOLA MADE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALITY AND
11 CHARACTER OF HIS COMMUNITY.

12 (B) THE BRIDGE CARRYING PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE 430 IN
13 HARBORCREEK TOWNSHIP IN ERIE COUNTY OVER INTERSTATE 90, IS
14 HEREBY DESIGNATED AND SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS THE PETER
15 DINICOLA BRIDGE IN HONOR OF IMMIGRANT BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR
16 PETER DINICOLA'S MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, TO HIS
17 COUNTY AND TO THIS COMMONWEALTH.

18 (C) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT APPROPRIATE
19 SIGNS AT EACH END OF THE BRIDGE DISPLAYING THE DESIGNATION MADE
20 BY THIS SECTION.

21 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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