

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1972 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, HENNESSEY, TOEPEL, SONNEY, HEFFLEY, McNEILL, COHEN, LUCAS, BROOKS, GODSHALL, BIZZARRO, CAUSER, YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS, THOMAS, SANKEY, COX, KIM, STERN, JAMES, DiGIROLAMO, MICOZZIE, W. KELLER, TALLMAN, KOTIK, MILLARD, EVERETT, CALTAGIRONE, GOODMAN, BROWNLEE, FARINA, WATSON, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MURT, GINGRICH, HAHN, NEUMAN, GILLEN, MAJOR, D. COSTA, GROVE, QUINN, M. K. KELLER AND MATZIE, JANUARY 22, 2014

SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 24, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge in Greene County as the Lieutenant Colonel  
2 Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge; AND DESIGNATING THE <--  
3 BRIDGES RECOGNIZED AS MF 195 AND MF 196 CARRYING STATE ROUTE  
4 43 OVER THE DUNLAP CREEK IN LUZERNE TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY,  
5 AS THE FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO)  
6 BRIDGES.

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

9 Section 1. Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

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

12 (1) Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe was born on  
13 November 7, 1957, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and passed  
14 away at 54 years of age on March 2, 2012, of natural causes.

15 (2) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe proudly and courageously  
16 served his country in the United States Army for 36 years.

1 (3) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe began his career as an  
2 enlisted soldier and excelled through the ranks. When  
3 Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was an E-5 (SGT) he applied and was  
4 accepted into flight school in which he received his aviation  
5 wings at Fort Rucker, Alabama, as a Warrant Officer.

6 (4) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was a former Warrant  
7 Officer who received a direct commission appointment to the  
8 Medical Service Corps and was qualified in the UH-1, AH-1,  
9 UH-60, T-42, U-21 and C-12 aircraft.

10 (5) Lieutenant Colonel Roupe was one of the most  
11 experienced Medical Service Corps aviators and was a Master  
12 Army Aviator and a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm,  
13 the Bosnian War -- Operation Joint Endeavor and two tours in  
14 Iraq - Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan - Operation  
15 Enduring Freedom.

16 (b) Designation.--The bridge that carries State Route 18,  
17 Section D10, Segment 0070, Offset 0038, over Fish Creek in New  
18 Freeport Township, Greene County, is designated as the  
19 Lieutenant Colonel Cephus Lee Roupe Memorial Bridge.

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

23 SECTION 2. FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO) <--  
24 BRIDGES.

25 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS  
26 AND DECLARES:

27 (1) THE FAYETTE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS  
28 FAYCO, WAS A CITIZENS GROUP FORMED TO BUILD A LOCAL SUPPORT  
29 NETWORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIMITED-ACCESS, FOUR-LANE  
30 HIGHWAY THROUGH FAYETTE COUNTY.

1           (2) THE ORGANIZATION REMAINED COMMITTED TO COMPLETION OF  
2 THE PROJECT THROUGH ALL PHASES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MON-  
3 FAYETTE EXPRESSWAY (STATE ROUTE 43) THROUGH FAYETTE COUNTY.

4       (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGES RECOGNIZED AS MF 195 AND MF  
5 196 CARRYING STATE ROUTE 43 OVER THE DUNLAP CREEK IN LUZERNE  
6 TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, ARE DESIGNATED AS THE FAYETTE COUNTY  
7 EXPRESSWAY ORGANIZATION (FAYCO) BRIDGES.

8       (C) SIGNS.--THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION SHALL ERECT  
9 AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE  
10 TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

11 Section ~~2~~ 3. Effective date.

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12 This act shall take effect ~~in 60 days.~~ AS FOLLOWS:

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13       (1) SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.

14       (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
15 IMMEDIATELY.