

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1845 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY REED, HENNESSEY, DONATUCCI, PETRARCA, SACONE, MILLARD, DIGIROLAMO, RYAN, CALTAGIRONE, DUSH, SONNEY, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, O'NEILL, ROZZI, QUIGLEY, MURT, KINSEY, DAVIS, BARBIN, BAKER, CAUSER, HAHN, SAYLOR, READSHAW, CONKLIN, A. HARRIS, STAATS, BENNINGHOFF, COX, MUSTIO, MARSHALL, MARSICO, SANKEY AND WARD, OCTOBER 4, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 4, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2026 over
 2 the North Branch Blacklick Creek, Buffington Township,
 3 Indiana County, as Second Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash
 4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Second Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Bridge.

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

10 (1) Second Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash was drafted
 11 into the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict and
 12 served with the 3rd Platoon, Company A, 4th Battalion, 9th
 13 Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.

14 (2) Second Lieutenant Pytash was awarded the Silver Star
 15 Medal for his courageous leadership when his platoon came
 16 under attack in the Republic of Vietnam on May 31, 1970. When
 17 his platoon encountered heavy enemy fire, Second Lieutenant

1 Pytash's decisive leadership saved the lives of many men.

2 (3) Second Lieutenant Pytash also received the National
3 Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of
4 Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple
5 Heart, Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 2026
7 over the North Branch Blacklick Creek, Buffington Township,
8 Indiana County, is hereby designated the Second Lieutenant
9 Theodore P. Pytash Bridge.

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

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.