

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1845 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY REED, HENNESSEY, DONATUCCI, PETRARCA, SACCONI, 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, WARD, BRADFORD, D. COSTA AND GROVE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 16, 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~~ FIRST Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash <--
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. ~~Second~~ FIRST Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Bridge. <--

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

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

14 (2) ~~Second~~ FIRST Lieutenant Pytash was awarded the <--
15 Silver Star Medal for his courageous leadership when his
16 platoon came under attack in the Republic of Vietnam on May

1 31, 1970. When his platoon encountered heavy enemy fire,
2 ~~Second~~ FIRST Lieutenant Pytash's decisive leadership saved <--
3 the lives of many men.

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

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

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

15 Section 2. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.