

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 973 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, DECEMBER 1, 2017

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, DECEMBER 1, 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 the First Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash
 4 Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. First Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Memorial Bridge.

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

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

14 (2) First 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, First Lieutenant
 18 Pytash's decisive leadership saved the lives of many men.

19 (3) First Lieutenant Pytash also received the National

1 Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of
2 Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple
3 Heart, Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medal.

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

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

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.