

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2123 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, BURNS, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, KORTZ, COX, SCHMITT, SAINATO, MILLARD, T. DAVIS, CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, HICKERNELL, PYLE, DIGIROLAMO, BERNSTINE, ROTHMAN, JAMES, SONNEY, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, PICKETT, OWLETT, READSHAW, HILL-EVANS, M. K. KELLER, JOZWIAK, STAATS AND NEILSON, DECEMBER 10, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 15, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway
2 Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

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

7 Section 1. United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

10 (a) Findings.--

11 (1) United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr.,
12 lived most of his life in Loyalsock Township.

13 (2) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff served in the United States
14 Army during the Korean Conflict as a supply sergeant. After
15 returning home from active duty, he continued a life of
16 service.

1 (3) In 1948, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff joined the Loyalsock
2 Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, where he served in
3 various capacities.

4 (4) In addition to being appointed Justice of the Peace,
5 Sgt. Thomas Woodruff was also elected as a member of the
6 Loyalsock Township School Board.

7 (5) Sadly in May 2000, after battling cancer, Sgt.
8 Thomas Woodruff passed away.

9 (6) He is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former
10 Shirley Boyer, and children Carol (Dave) Yorks, Thomas (Tami)
11 Woodruff, Jr., Howard (Dawn) Woodruff, Robert Woodruff and
12 Susan (Scott) Lorson. He also is survived by two
13 granddaughters, six grandsons ~~and one great-granddaughter,~~ <--
14 TWO GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS AND TWO GREAT-GRANDSONS.

15 (7) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff's grandson, United States
16 Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff, was born in
17 Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

18 (8) Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff attended DuBoistown
19 Elementary School, South Williamsport Area Junior High School
20 and Mansfield Area High School, where he graduated as the
21 president and salutatorian of his class in 2004. Between his
22 junior and senior years, he accepted early enlistment in the
23 United States Marine Corps.

24 (9) While serving in the United States Marine Corps,
25 Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff served as an Arabic translator. As a
26 member of the Recon Group, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff intercepted
27 and interpreted communications that had targeted his fellow
28 troops.

29 (10) On April 13, 2009, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff was
30 involved in a vehicle accident while returning to Camp

1 Lejeune, North Carolina, and died the next day, April 14,
2 2009.

3 (11) Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff posthumously received a Navy
4 and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his lifesaving work in
5 the Marine Corps.

6 (b) Designation.--The Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at
7 Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is
8 designated as the ~~United States Army~~ Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, <--
9 Sr., and ~~United States Marine Corps~~ Sgt. Hamilton F. Woodruff <--
10 Memorial Interchange.

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

15 Section 2. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.