

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1107 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, BERNSTINE, RIGBY, LONGIETTI, JAMES,
SCHMITT, BURGOS, ROTHMAN, KAUFFMAN, T. DAVIS, HOWARD, KINSEY,
COX, PICKETT, RYAN, MILLARD, HAMM, BOROWICZ, PEIFER, ROWE,
STRUZZI, JOZWIAK, SAINATO AND NEILSON, APRIL 6, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 6, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway
2 Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Sgts.
3 Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff Memorial
4 Interchange.

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

7 Section 1. Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton Woodruff
8 Memorial Interchange.

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

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.

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

1 various capacities.

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

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

7 (6) Sgt. Thomas Woodruff is survived by his wife of 45
8 years, the former Shirley Boyer, and children Carol (Dave)
9 Yorks, Thomas (Tami) Woodruff, Jr., Howard (Dawn) Woodruff,
10 Robert Woodruff and Susan (Scott) Lorson. He also is survived
11 by two granddaughters, six grandsons, two great-
12 granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

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

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

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

27 (10) On April 13, 2009, Sgt. Hamilton Woodruff was
28 involved in a vehicle accident while returning to Camp
29 Lejeune, North Carolina, and died the next day, April 14,
30 2009.

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

4 (b) Designation.--The Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at
5 Northway Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is
6 designated as the Sgts. Thomas Woodruff, Sr., and Hamilton
7 Woodruff Memorial Interchange.

8 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
9 maintain appropriate signs at the interchange displaying the
10 name of the interchange.

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.