

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1562 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY SANKEY, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DIAMOND, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, DUSH, FARINA, GILLEN, GROVE, HAHN, A. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, IRVIN, KNOWLES, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, METZGAR, MILLARD, MURT, O'NEILL, RAPP, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, SIMMONS, SNYDER, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB, WARD AND WHEELAND, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating the viaduct bridges located on Interstate 80,
 2 Eastbound, Segment Number 1382, Offset 0000, and Westbound,
 3 Segment Number 1383, Offset 0000, in Cooper Township,
 4 Clearfield County, over Moshannon Creek as the Richard B.
 5 Whitehead Memorial Bridges.

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

8 Section 1. Richard B. Whitehead Memorial Bridges.

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

11 (1) Richard Byrd Whitehead was born on April 15, 1930,
 12 in the small mountain community of Philipsburg. He was one of
 13 10 children born to Mae and Leslie Whitehead, who were
 14 lifelong residents of the town. He graduated from Philipsburg
 15 High School in 1949, where he participated in a number of
 16 sports, including football and baseball.

17 (2) In 1951, he entered the United States Air Force and

1 attained the rank of Airman Second Class. He completed a
2 successful tenure in the service, including time spent in
3 Japan. He returned on October 3, 1953, aboard the USS James
4 O'Hara.

5 (3) Through Iron Workers Local Union No. 772, currently
6 Iron Workers Local Union No. 3, of Clearfield, he was
7 recruited to work on the Interstate 80 construction project,
8 a part of which included the viaduct bridge construction near
9 Kylertown.

10 (4) Richard Byrd Whitehead was tragically killed at the
11 viaduct bridge construction site on July 29, 1966, as a
12 result of a fall, leaving behind his beloved wife and two
13 young children, Richard Byrd and Julie Kay. He was a devoted
14 husband, father, son, brother, uncle and cousin and a friend
15 to many in his close-knit community.

16 (b) Designation.--The viaduct bridges located on Interstate
17 80, Eastbound, Segment Number 1382, Offset 0000, and Westbound,
18 Segment Number 1383, Offset 0000, in Cooper Township, Clearfield
19 County, over Moshannon Creek are hereby designated the Richard
20 B. Whitehead Memorial Bridges.

21 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
22 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridges to
23 traffic in both directions on the bridges.

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.