

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2531 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MIRABITO, FLYNN, BAKER, READSHAW, FARINA, BROOKS,
MICOZZIE, BROWNLEE, ELLIS, CALTAGIRONE, HENNESSEY,
DIGIROLAMO, McNEILL, O'NEILL, KINSEY, COX, MILLARD, PAYNE,
THOMAS, LUCAS, LONGIETTI, KAVULICH, AUMENT, MIRANDA, SONNEY,
DONATUCCI, MURT, CAUSER, GODSHALL AND McCARTER,
OCTOBER 3, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 3, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating the Faxon Interchange of Interstate 180 at Northway
2 Road in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the United
3 States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff, Sr., and United States
4 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
8 United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff
9 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.

17 (3) In 1948, Sgt. Thomas Woodruff joined the Loyalsock

1 Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, where he served in
2 various capacities.

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

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

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

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 hereby
6 designated as the United States Army Sgt. Thomas H. Woodruff,
7 Sr., and United States Marine Corps Sgt. Hamilton T. Woodruff
8 Memorial Interchange.

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

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.