
 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1713 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY PICKETT, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, BOBACK,
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READSHAW, REGAN, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS,
VEREB, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND, GILLEN, QUINN, DeLUCA AND
KORTZ, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 7,
2016

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and
2 Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J.
3 Peterman Memorial Highway; AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF <--
4 STATE ROUTE 220 IN LYCOMING COUNTY AS THE THOMAS A.
5 PATERNOSTRO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

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

8 Section 1. Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial
9 Highway.

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

12 (1) Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman was born in
13 Nordmont, Sullivan County, on January 19, 1923, and in 1941,
14 graduated from Sullivan Highlands School, Sonestown. He
15 enlisted in the United States Navy 11 days after graduation.

16 (2) Lieutenant Commander Peterman spent the early years

1 of his service in the Navy assigned to submarines. Lieutenant
2 Commander Peterman was initially assigned to the USS Flying
3 Fish (SS229). While abroad, Lieutenant Commander Peterman
4 made nine war patrols, having a part in the Battle of Midway,
5 patrolling the Truk Lagoon off the Caroline Islands and
6 patrolling in the Sea of Japan.

7 (3) After serving aboard submarines for 11 years,
8 Lieutenant Commander Peterman served as a torpedo instructor.
9 In 1955, Lieutenant Commander Peterman became a commissioned
10 officer, serving at ammunition depots in New Jersey and
11 California. He also spent time on the USS Henrico (APA45) as
12 a gunnery officer and then on the USS Sperry (AS12) as a
13 weapons repair officer. He served the last five years of his
14 Navy career as an underwater weapons officer in Newport,
15 Rhode Island. Upon retiring in 1972 as a lieutenant
16 commander, he returned home to his native Sullivan County,
17 where he served a term as county sheriff, and as a Laporte
18 Township Supervisor.

19 (4) Lieutenant Commander Peterman was active in his
20 community where, as a member of the Williamsport Base of the
21 United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., he participated in
22 visits to the Janet Weis Children's Hospital, visiting with
23 pediatric patients while making them "honorary submariners."
24 Lieutenant Commander Peterman would wear his uniform for
25 these visits, often giving the children a living history
26 lesson. Lieutenant Commander Peterman was also an active
27 member of the Sonestown American Legion Post #601.

28 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 220 from State
29 Route 405 in Hughesville Borough, Lycoming County, to State
30 Route 42 in Laporte Township, Sullivan County, is hereby

1 designated as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial
2 Highway.

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

6 SECTION 2. THOMAS A. PATERNOSTRO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. <--

7 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

8 (1) THOMAS A. PATERNOSTRO WAS BORN IN WILLIAMSPORT ON
9 AUGUST 9, 1939. HE WAS MARRIED TO MARTHALIE RYAN PATERNOSTRO
10 FOR OVER 48 YEARS. HE WAS A 1957 GRADUATE OF THE FORMER ST.
11 MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL IN WILLIAMSPORT. HE WAS A 1964 GRADUATE OF
12 LYCOMING COLLEGE WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
13 IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. IN 1975, HE RECEIVED HIS MASTERS OF
14 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY IN CANTON,
15 NEW YORK.

16 (2) MR. PATERNOSTRO WAS A LIFELONG EDUCATOR. HE WAS BOTH
17 AN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER BEFORE SERVING AS
18 AN ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL IN PRATTSBURGH, NEW YORK. HE THEN
19 SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN THE CLIFTON-FINE
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN STAR LAKE, NEW YORK AND THE ONEONTA CITY
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ONEONTA, NEW YORK. IN 1981, HE BECAME
22 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AT THE EAST LYCOMING SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT IN HUGHESVILLE, WHERE HE SERVED ADMIRABLY FOR 11
24 YEARS.

25 (3) FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN
26 1992, MR. PATERNOSTRO WENT TO WORK FOR THE INDUSTRIAL
27 MODERNIZATION CENTER IN MONTOURSVILLE. THERE HE WAS A DRIVING
28 FORCE BEHIND THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL-TO-WORK INITIATIVE, A
29 PROJECT THAT ULTIMATELY BECAME A NATIONAL MODEL FOR YOUTH
30 APPRENTICESHIP. HE TESTIFIED ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE IN FRONT

1 OF A UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE. HIS TESTIMONY AND THE
2 INITIATIVE WERE LATER FEATURED ON THE ABC NEWS AMERICAN
3 AGENDA AND IN *SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE*.

4 (4) CONTINUING HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION
5 AND CHILDREN, MR. PATERNOSTRO SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE
6 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY INITIATIVE FOR LYCOMING COUNTY IN THE
7 EARLY 2000S. IN 2004, HE RECEIVED THE CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD
8 FOR LEADERSHIP ON CHILDREN'S ISSUES.

9 (5) MR. PATERNOSTRO SPENT TIME SUPERVISING STUDENT
10 TEACHERS AT BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO SPENT THREE YEARS
11 AS A CONSULTANT FOR THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION
12 OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE IN WASHINGTON, DC.

13 (6) FROM 2005 TO 2011, FOLLOWING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE
14 PENNSYLVANIA SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, MR. PATERNOSTRO SERVED
15 AS ONE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S FIRST DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS,
16 INDIVIDUALS SERVING TO HELP STRUGGLING DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT
17 THE STATE IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

18 (7) MR. PATERNOSTRO WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS
19 COMMUNITY. HE WAS A CHARTER BOARD MEMBER OF THE NORTHCENTRAL
20 PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LYCOMING
21 AUDUBON SOCIETY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OF THE
22 HUGHESVILLE LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
23 HUGHESVILLE ROTARY, PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE LITERACY BOARD AT
24 THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE LYCOMING
25 COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM BOARD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE
26 WILLIAMSPORT/LYCOMING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
27 AND A LEADERSHIP LYCOMING VOLUNTEER.

28 (8) MR. PATERNOSTRO ALSO SERVED ON THE STATE LEGISLATIVE
29 JOINT COMMISSION TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN, LYCOMING COUNTY'S
30 CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM, LYCOMING COUNTY'S SCHOOL SAFETY

1 COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, AND MOST RECENTLY, AS A
2 MEMBER OF THE LYCOMING COUNTY HEROIN DRUG TASK FORCE. HE WAS
3 ALSO A PROUD FORMER MEMBER OF THE PICTURE ROCKS VOLUNTEER
4 FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE POLICE.

5 (9) UNTIL HIS PASSING, MR. PATERNOSTRO WAS A REGULAR
6 CONTRIBUTOR TO *WEBB WEEKLY*, WHERE HE WROTE A FEATURE COLUMN
7 ON NATURE.

8 (10) MR. PATERNOSTRO SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE U.S. NAVY
9 FROM 1957 THROUGH 1965, INCLUDING TIME SPENT IN THE NAVAL
10 RESERVE. HE ATTENDED NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL AS WELL AS
11 OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND. HE
12 RECEIVED A SPECIAL COMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF OF NAVAL
13 OPERATIONS FOR HIS FAR EAST SERVICE FOLLOWING HIS TIME SPENT
14 IN JAPAN.

15 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 220 IN LYCOMING
16 COUNTY FROM STATE ROUTE 2081 IN WOLF TOWNSHIP TO STATE ROUTE 42
17 IN HUGHESVILLE BOROUGH IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE THOMAS A.
18 PATERNOSTRO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

19 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
20 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
21 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

22 Section 2 3. Effective date.

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23 This act shall take effect in 60 days.