

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1713 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY PICKETT, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, COX, DAVIS, DUSH, ELLIS, EVERETT, FARINA, GROVE, HAHN, A. HARRIS, KIM, KINSEY, KNOWLES, MAJOR, MALONEY, MARSICO, MILLARD, D. PARKER, RAPP, READSHAW, REGAN, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS, VEREB, WARD, WATSON AND WHEELAND, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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.

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

6 Section 1. Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial  
 7 Highway.

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

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

14 (2) Lieutenant Commander Peterman spent the early years  
 15 of his service in the Navy assigned to submarines. Lieutenant  
 16 Commander Peterman was initially assigned to the USS Flying

1 Fish (SS229). While abroad, Lieutenant Commander Peterman  
2 made nine war patrols, having a part in the Battle of Midway,  
3 patrolling the Truk Lagoon off the Caroline Islands and  
4 patrolling in the Sea of Japan.

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

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

26 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 220 from State  
27 Route 405 in Hughesville Borough, Lycoming County, to State  
28 Route 42 in Laporte Township, Sullivan County, is hereby  
29 designated as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial  
30 Highway.

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

4 Section 2. Effective date.

5       This act shall take effect in 60 days.