

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2230 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY EVERETT AND PICKETT, JUNE 29, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 29, 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 State
 4 Route 220 in Lycoming County as the Thomas A. Paternostro
 5 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
 17 of his service in the Navy assigned to submarines. Lieutenant
 18 Commander Peterman was initially assigned to the USS Flying
 19 Fish (SS229). While abroad, Lieutenant Commander Peterman
 20 made nine war patrols, having a part in the Battle of Midway,

1 patrolling the Truk Lagoon off the Caroline Islands and
2 patrolling in the Sea of Japan.

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

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

24 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 220 from State
25 Route 2081 in Shrewsbury Township, Lycoming County, to State
26 Route 42 in Laporte Township, Sullivan County, is hereby
27 designated as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial
28 Highway.

29 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
30 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to

1 traffic in both directions on the highway.

2 Section 2. Thomas A. Paternostro Memorial Highway.

3 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds as follows:

4 (1) Thomas A. Paternostro was born in Williamsport on
5 August 9, 1939. He was married to Marthalia Ryan Paternostro
6 for over 48 years. He was a 1957 graduate of the former St.
7 Mary's High School in Williamsport. He was a 1964 graduate of
8 Lycoming College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree
9 in political science. In 1975, he received his Masters of
10 Public Administration from St. Lawrence University in Canton,
11 New York.

12 (2) Mr. Paternostro was a lifelong educator. He was both
13 an elementary and secondary school teacher before serving as
14 an elementary principal in Prattsburgh, New York. He then
15 served as superintendent of schools in the Clifton-Fine
16 School District in Star Lake, New York, and the Oneonta City
17 School District in Oneonta, New York. In 1981, he became
18 superintendent of schools at the East Lycoming School
19 District in Hughesville, where he served admirably for 11
20 years.

21 (3) Following his retirement from public schools in
22 1992, Mr. Paternostro went to work for the Industrial
23 Modernization Center in Montoursville. There he was a driving
24 force behind the Pennsylvania School-to-Work initiative, a
25 project that ultimately became a national model for youth
26 apprenticeship. He testified about this initiative in front
27 of a United States Senate committee. His testimony and the
28 initiative were later featured on the ABC News American
29 Agenda and in *Smithsonian Magazine*.

30 (4) Continuing his dedicated service to public education

1 and children, Mr. Paternostro served as the director of the
2 Children's Advocacy Initiative for Lycoming County in the
3 early 2000s. In 2004, he received the Child Advocate Award
4 for Leadership on Children's Issues.

5 (5) Mr. Paternostro spent time supervising student
6 teachers at Bloomsburg University. He also spent three years
7 as a consultant for the American Board for the Certification
8 of Teacher Excellence in Washington, DC.

9 (6) From 2005 to 2011, following an appointment by the
10 Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Mr. Paternostro served
11 as one of the Commonwealth's first Distinguished Educators,
12 individuals serving to help struggling districts throughout
13 the State improve student achievement.

14 (7) Mr. Paternostro was an active member of his
15 community. He was a charter board member of the Northcentral
16 Pennsylvania Conservancy, past president of the Lycoming
17 Audubon Society, chairman of the capital campaign of the
18 Hughesville Library Building Committee, past president of the
19 Hughesville Rotary, past chairman of the Literacy Board at
20 the James V. Brown Library, former member of the Lycoming
21 County Historical Society Museum board, former member of the
22 Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce Education Committee
23 and a Leadership Lycoming volunteer.

24 (8) Mr. Paternostro also served on the State Legislative
25 Joint Commission Task Force on Children, Lycoming County's
26 Child Death Review Team, Lycoming County's School Safety
27 Committee on Homeland Security, and most recently, as a
28 member of the Lycoming County Heroin Drug Task Force. He was
29 also a proud former member of the Picture Rocks Volunteer
30 Fire Department fire police.

1 (9) Until his passing, Mr. Paternostro was a regular
2 contributor to *Webb Weekly*, where he wrote a feature column
3 on nature.

4 (10) Mr. Paternostro served his country in the United
5 States Navy from 1957 through 1965, including time spent in
6 the Naval Reserve. He attended Naval Communications School as
7 well as Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He
8 received a special commendation from the Chief of Naval
9 Operations for his Far East service following his time spent
10 in Japan.

11 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 220 in Lycoming
12 County from State Route 405 in Hughesville Borough to the
13 Picture Rocks Borough line is hereby designated the Thomas A.
14 Paternostro Memorial Highway.

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

18 Section 3. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.