

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1215 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY TOBASH, APRIL 17, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 17, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in
 2 Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial
 3 Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Abner Yoder graduated from Hegins High School in
 10 1936, was active in his local church and played on the
 11 Pitman's Farmers baseball team.

12 (2) On July 18, 1941, he joined the United States Army
 13 Air Corps and rose to the level of Technical Sergeant by
 14 August of 1943.

15 (3) During his time in the Air Corps, he traveled to
 16 Australia, where he met his fiancée and joined a combat crew
 17 which flew missions on a B-52.

18 (4) On February 17, 1944, the plane he was on with his
 19 crew had engine troubles and attempted to return to the base

1 but stalled and crashed. The entire crew, including Abner
2 Yoder, was killed in the plane crash.

3 (5) Abner Yoder was 26 at the time of his death and he
4 was buried at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila, near
5 other fallen members of the Armed Forces.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge
7 Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, is hereby designated the
8 Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge.

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.