

No. 2008-18

AN ACT

SB 1065

Designating State Bridge No. 36-4009-0030-0000, the newly replaced bridge on Dillerville Road in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, as the Edward Anthony Davis Memorial Bridge.

WHEREAS, United States Navy Captain Edward Anthony Davis of Lancaster County, ex-prisoner of war, was awarded three Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit with Combat Citation, four Bronze Stars with Valor Device, five Air Medals, two Purple Hearts and three Navy Commendation Medals with Valor Device for military service during the Vietnam Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Born in Norristown and raised in Roxborough, Montgomery County, Capt. Davis was a champion rower at St. Joseph's Preparatory School, attended Villanova University and was a 1962 graduate of the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was shot down over North Vietnam on August 26, 1965, during his 57th combat mission off the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Davis endured captivity at the prisoner-of-war camp known as the Hanoi Hilton through February 12, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Released with other long-serving prisoners of war as part of Operation Homecoming, Capt. Davis returned with a puppy he had liberated from his captors; and

WHEREAS, After repatriation, Capt. Davis completed graduate studies in international relations at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was the Navy's Director of Advertising and then Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District, Harrisburg, before retiring in 1987; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding public speaker, Capt. Davis was POW consultant to the National Vietnam War Museum and a member of the Lancaster Airport Authority, the Sertoma Club of Lancaster and the Penn Manor School District Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Davis died November 7, 2006, at 67 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Davis was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

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

Section 1. Edward Anthony Davis Memorial Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The newly replaced bridge on Dillerville Road in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, State Bridge No. 36-4009-0030-0000,

is designated and shall be known as the Edward Anthony Davis Memorial Bridge.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the bridge designated in subsection (a) at each end of the bridge.

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 16th day of May, A.D. 2008.

EDWARD G. RENDELL