
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STRUZZI, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, DiGIROLAMO, HEFFLEY,
HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, KORTZ, MILLARD, MOUL, NEILSON, OWLETT,
PICKETT, RYAN, SCHMITT, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, STAATS AND TOEPEL,
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19010, on that
2 portion of United States Route 119 over the Yellow Creek in
3 Center Township, Indiana County, as the Dr. Patricia
4 Hilliard-Robertson Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Robertson Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Patricia Hilliard-Robertson lived a life of service
11 to others and as an exemplary role model for women in STEM
12 education.

13 (2) Dr. Hilliard-Robertson was born on March 12, 1963,
14 in Indiana and grew up in Homer City. Dr. Hilliard-Robertson
15 graduated from Homer Center High School and the Indiana
16 University of Pennsylvania, where she earned a bachelor of
17 science degree in biology in 1985.

18 (3) In 1989, Dr. Hilliard-Robertson earned a medical

1 degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She then
2 completed a three-year residency in family medicine and was
3 certified by the American Board of Family Practice.

4 (4) From 1992 to 1995, Dr. Hilliard-Robertson practiced
5 medicine in Erie, Pennsylvania. She was on the staff of St.
6 Vincent Hospital where she served as the clinical coordinator
7 for medical students in training and also provided training
8 and supervision for resident physicians.

9 (5) In 1995, Dr. Hilliard-Robertson was one of two
10 fellows selected to study aerospace medicine at the
11 University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston and at
12 the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas.

13 (6) While enrolled as a space medicine fellow, Dr.
14 Hilliard-Robertson completed a research project where she
15 studied eccentric and concentric resistive exercise
16 countermeasures for space flight. She also served as a member
17 of the faculty at UTMB in the departments of Family Medicine
18 and Emergency Medicine.

19 (7) In 1997, Dr. Hilliard-Robertson joined the Flight
20 Medicine Clinic at Johnson Space Center and served as the
21 Chairman of the Bone, Muscle and Exercise Integrated Product
22 Team.

23 (8) In 1998, NASA selected Dr. Hilliard-Robertson for
24 the Astronaut Candidate Training program. Upon completing
25 training, Dr. Hilliard-Robertson served as the office
26 representative for the Crew Healthcare System (CheCS) and as
27 Crew Support Astronaut (CSA) for the International Space
28 Station Expedition-2 Crew.

29 (9) Dr. Hilliard-Robertson passed away on May 24, 2001.

30 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key

1 19010, located on that portion of United States Route 119 over
2 the Yellow Creek in Center Township, Indiana County, is
3 designated the Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Robertson Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 2. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.