

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

2 (By Senators Cann, Barnes, Cookman, Facemire, McCabe,
3 Tucker, Williams and Stollings)

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6 Requesting the Division of Highways to name a stretch of highway in
7 Upshur County, West Virginia, on State Route 20 from mile post
8 26 at the intersection of State Route 20 and U. S. Route 33 to
9 mile post 27, the "Thomas B. Dunn Memorial Highway".

10 Whereas, Thomas B. Dunn died April 24, 2012, at the Avow
11 Hospice House in Naples, Florida. He was born January 22, 1943, in
12 Washington, Pennsylvania, a son of the late James Lincoln and
13 Lucille Babbitt Dunn. He married Carol Jean Campbell on July 11,
14 1964, and they had two daughters, Tracy Cunningham (husband Mark)
15 and Jennifer Fluke (husband Eric) of Buckhannon. In addition to
16 being survived by his widow and daughters, he is survived by two
17 granddaughters, Carson Cunningham and Caroline Fluke, both of
18 Buckhannon; two grandsons, Grant Cunningham and Bryson Fluke, both
19 of Buckhannon; his precious Bichon, Lilly; one brother, Joseph L.
20 Dunn of Washington, Pennsylvania; one sister, Ann Bridges and
21 husband Cliff of Greensboro, North Carolina, and several nieces and
22 nephews; and

23 Whereas, Thomas B. Dunn was an exceptional leader and mentor
24 to many in the community and oil and gas industry. He was

1 respected and loved by many. Mr. Dunn graduated from Trinity High
2 School, Washington, Pennsylvania, Class of 1960, and West Virginia
3 Wesleyan College with a B. A. degree, Class of 1964. He was the
4 third generation in the oil and gas business. In his early years he
5 worked in the field for Union Drilling, Inc., a drilling contractor
6 and producer in the Appalachian Basin. After graduation from
7 college, he worked full time at Union Drilling, Inc., in
8 Buckhannon, as Lease and Right-of-Way Agent, eventually working
9 into the supervision of well completion. He became President of
10 Union Drilling, Inc., in 1972, and held the position until 1987.
11 He founded D-Aspen, Inc., in 1986 and served as president from
12 1986-1996. He founded Tuscany Gas, LLC, in 1996 and served as a
13 member. He co-founded Phoenix Diversified Ventures, Inc., in 1987
14 and served as President. He co-founded Phoenix Energy Sales
15 Company in 1995 and served as president; co-founded T and F
16 Operating, Inc., in 1998 and served as President. He co-founded T
17 and F Exploration, LP, in 1998 and served as Limited Partner. At
18 the time of his death he held membership in: Independent Oil and
19 Gas Association of WV (IOGA WV), Pennsylvania Independent Oil and
20 Gas Association (PIOGA), Independent Petroleum Association of
21 America (IPAA), Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA), West Virginia
22 Oil and Natural Gas Association (WVONGA) and the Society of
23 Petroleum Engineers, Inc. He served IOGA WV as past president, as
24 a member of the board of directors and a member of various

1 committees. He served IPAA as Regional Governor, Director, Area
2 Vice President, member of Executive Committee and member of the
3 Board of Governors, Roustabout Club charter member. He served
4 WVONGA as past president, and was a member of the board of
5 directors. He was former Vice President of Virginia Oil and Gas
6 Association; former member of New York State Oil Producers
7 Association, Inc., and actively participated in other states'
8 associations. Thomas B. Dunn served Appalachian Energy Group (AEG)
9 as President for several terms. He was a member of Board of
10 Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation and a former member
11 of the Board of Trustees of West Virginia Wesleyan College. He was
12 a founding member of Naples National Golf Club and The Old Collier
13 Golf Club both in Naples, Florida. He was involved in
14 Buckhannon/Upshur County, West Virginia, civic organizations,
15 including one of the five who arranged initial broad community
16 funding for the current Upshur County Development Authority. He was
17 a former member of the West Virginia National Guard, Kappa Alpha
18 Order Fraternity and was instrumental in the Buckhannon Parks and
19 Recreational Complex. Thomas B. Dunn was recognized for his
20 service to the industry by oil and gas associations and service to
21 the community. He was the West Virginia Oil and Gas Man of the
22 Year, 1982. He received the West Virginia Wesleyan College Alumni
23 Award, 1982. He was the Buckhannon Business and Professional
24 Women's Club Outstanding Employer of the Year, 1985. He was one of

1 the two initial recipients of IOGA WV Distinguished Service
2 Gunslinger Award, 1992. And he greeted President George W. Bush
3 upon his arrival at Morgantown Municipal Airport, Morgantown, West
4 Virginia, July 4, 2005; and

5 Whereas, When Thomas B. Dunn died of cancer in Naples,
6 Florida, in April, 2012, he left behind invaluable, often unknown
7 contributions to the oil and gas industry, as well as to the Upshur
8 County community. He was a man of boundless generosity, selfless,
9 sacrificing and always smiling. Most of all, he was a wonderful
10 and loving husband, father and grandfather who cherished his family
11 more than anything. The contributions of this man to his community
12 and industry should not go unnoticed; and

13 Whereas, It is fitting to honor Thomas B. Dunn by naming a
14 stretch of highway in Upshur County, West Virginia, on State Route
15 20 from mile post 26 at the intersection of State Route 20 and U.
16 S. Route 33 to mile post 27 for Thomas B. Dunn; therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

18 That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways
19 to name a stretch of highway in Upshur County, West Virginia, on
20 State Route 20 from mile post 26 at the intersection of State Route
21 20 and U. S. Route 33 to mile post 27, the "Thomas B. Dunn Memorial
22 Highway"; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby
24 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the stretch

1 of highway as the "Thomas B. Dunn Memorial Highway"; and, be it
2 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby
3 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
4 the Department of Transportation and to the surviving widow,
5 children and relatives of Thomas B. Dunn.