
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1652 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, DiGIROLAMO, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE,
READSHAW, MIRABITO, CLAY, MIRANDA, O'BRIEN, MILLARD,
SAMUELSON, VEREB, BROWNLEE, EVERETT, HEFFLEY, GOODMAN, COHEN,
KIRKLAND, FLECK AND MURT, AUGUST 26, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 26, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating Whitaker Avenue from its intersection with Roosevelt
2 Boulevard in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to the
3 point where it meets East Erie Avenue in Philadelphia City,
4 Philadelphia County, as the 65th Infantry "Borinqueneers"
5 Avenue.

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

8 Section 1. 65th Infantry "Borinqueneers" Avenue.

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

11 (1) The 65th Infantry Regiment is a Puerto Rican
12 regiment of the United States Army. The 65th Infantry
13 Regiment participated in World War I, World War II and the
14 Korean War.

15 (2) "The Borinqueneers" is a nickname for the 65th
16 Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division in the United States
17 Army, an all-volunteer Puerto Rican unit. It was derived from
18 the name Borinquen meaning "land of the brave lord." It has

1 also been interpreted as "land of the pure."

2 (3) Over 62,000 Puerto Ricans joined the military during
3 World War II and over 43,000 Puerto Ricans served in the
4 Korean War. While in Korea, the Borinqueneers served in nine
5 separate military campaigns, with hundreds of men giving
6 their lives to serve their country.

7 (4) The Regiment won four Distinguished Service Crosses
8 and 125 Silver Stars and was awarded the Presidential Unit
9 Citation and the Greek Gold Metal for Bravery for its
10 service.

11 (b) Designation.--Whitaker Avenue from its intersection with
12 Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County,
13 to the point where it meets East Erie Avenue in Philadelphia
14 City, Philadelphia County, is designated as the 65th Infantry
15 "Borinqueneers" Avenue.

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

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect immediately.