

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2272 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY DAY, DiGIROLAMO, SONNEY, CALTAGIRONE, BROOKS, COX, MURT, MIRABITO, THOMAS, COHEN, SAMUELSON, EMRICK, TOEPEL, METZGAR, HENNESSEY, MACKENZIE, CAUSER, METCALFE, W. KELLER, LUCAS, MAJOR, SCHLOSSBERG, GODSHALL, GRELL, FREEMAN, DONATUCCI, GROVE, WATSON, McCARTER, LONGIETTI, BAKER, C. HARRIS, GOODMAN AND HEFFLEY, MAY 28, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 28, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 309 North in Lynn Township,
 2 Lehigh County, between the intersections of Northwest Road
 3 and Long Court and Mosserville Road and Mountain Road, as the
 4 Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van Parys Memorial Road.

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

7 Section 1. Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van Parys Memorial Road.

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

10 (1) Brandon J. Van Parys was born in Norristown,
 11 Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1986, and, in 2005, graduated
 12 from Northwestern Lehigh High School, New Tripoli.

13 (2) After high school, he attended Lehigh Career
 14 Technical Institute where he took courses in law enforcement.

15 (3) In November 2005, motivated to serve his country by
 16 the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, he enlisted in
 17 the United States Marine Corps.

1 (4) Lance Corporal Van Parys was a member of the 3rd
2 Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II
3 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

4 (5) On February 5, 2007, in Anbar Province, Iraq, Lance
5 Corporal Van Parys was tragically killed by a rocket-
6 propelled grenade while his unit was attempting to secure an
7 area along the Euphrates River.

8 (6) Lance Corporal Van Parys heroically paid the supreme
9 sacrifice for the country he loved.

10 (7) Lance Corporal Van Parys was posthumously awarded
11 the Purple Heart for his courageous service to his country
12 and is survived by his father, Alan, and his wife, Tammy; his
13 mother, Catherine Hearn and her husband, Gregory; his
14 brothers, Christopher Van Parys, Daniel Van Parys, Samuel
15 Hearn and Jesse Hearn; and his sister, Ashley Hearn.

16 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 309 North in
17 Lynn Township, Lehigh County, between the intersections of
18 Northwest Road and Long Court and Mosserville Road and Mountain
19 Road is hereby designated as the Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van
20 Parys Memorial Road.

21 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
22 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under
23 subsection (b).

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.