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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 371 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY A. DAVIS, LEE, PISCIOTTANO, SANCHEZ, HENNESSEY,  
KINSEY, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS AND NEILSON,  
FEBRUARY 3, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of Pennsylvania Route 837, also known as  
2 Duquesne Boulevard, between Center Street in the City of  
3 Duquesne, Allegheny County, and Hoffman Boulevard in West  
4 Mifflin Borough, Allegheny County, as the Clifton P. Pitts  
5 Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. Clifton P. Pitts Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) Clifton P. Pitts was born December 25, 1942, in  
12 Pittsburgh to the late Heywood and Sarah Bloss-Pitts and  
13 graduated from Duquesne Senior High School.

14 (2) After graduating high school, he spent 21 years  
15 working as the Director of Job Replacement for Allegheny  
16 County.

17 (3) He later served as Director of the Mon-Yough Action  
18 Program, Director of the HIP program (Help Initiate Pride)  
19 and as a supervisor at Kool Vent Home Improvement where he

1 retired from in 2015.

2 (4) Clifton P. Pitts was a long-time Civil Rights leader  
3 in the Mon-Valley, where for more than 50 years he fought for  
4 equal housing, employment and education.

5 (5) He previously served as President of the Duquesne-  
6 West Mifflin National Association for the Advancement of  
7 Colored People (NAACP) and Concerned Citizens.

8 (6) He also served as First Jr. Exalted Ruler of the JT  
9 Brandy, Elk Lodge, JT Brandy Lodge; President of the Freshmen  
10 Society Club; past President of the Wild Bunch Social Club;  
11 past President of the Western Pennsylvania Black Assembly;  
12 and as Chairman of the Mon-Valley People Action Committee.

13 (7) On November 23, 2020, Clifton P. Pitts passed away  
14 at the age of 76.

15 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 837,  
16 also known as Duquesne Boulevard, between Center Street in the  
17 City of Duquesne, Allegheny County, and Hoffman Boulevard in  
18 West Mifflin Borough, Allegheny County, is designated as the  
19 Clifton P. Pitts Memorial Highway.

20 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
21 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to  
22 traffic in both directions on the highway.

23 Section 2. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.