
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 770 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN, ROTHMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, LANGERHOLC,
ARGALL, MARTIN, DUSH AND COSTA, JUNE 5, 2023

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 5, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 143 in Lynn
2 Township, Lehigh County, from the intersection of
3 Pennsylvania Route 309 to the border of Berks County, as
4 Heroes Highway, in honor of fallen firefighter Marvin Gruber
5 and Assistant Fire Chief Zachary Paris.

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

8 Section 1. Heroes Highway.

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

11 (1) Firefighter Marvin Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief
12 Zachary Paris belonged to the Community Fire Company of New
13 Tripoli, in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, and served as
14 volunteer firefighters.

15 (2) Firefighter Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief Paris
16 were among scores of firefighters called to a house fire on
17 December 7, 2022.

18 (3) Firefighter Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief Paris
19 were trapped in the blaze and tragically lost their lives in

1 the line of duty.

2 (4) Firefighter Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief Paris
3 were 59 years of age and 36 years of age, respectively, at
4 the time of their deaths.

5 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 143 in
6 Lynn Township, Lehigh County, from the intersection of
7 Pennsylvania Route 309 to the border of Berks County, is
8 designated Heroes Highway, in honor of fallen firefighter Marvin
9 Gruber and Assistant Fire Chief Zachary Paris.

10 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
11 maintain appropriate signs, to be located at segments 0010 and
12 0150 along Pennsylvania Route 143, displaying the name of the
13 highway to traffic in both directions on the highway.
14 Section 2. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.