

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 847 Session of  
2021

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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO AND COMITTA,  
AUGUST 27, 2021

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 14, 2021

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## AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of State Route 2004, also known as North  
2 Broad Street, within the Borough of Lansdale AND HATFIELD <--  
3 TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, as the Dr. Frank Erdman Boston  
4 Memorial Highway.

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

7 Section 1. Dr. Frank Erdman Boston Memorial Highway.

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

9 (1) Frank Erdman Boston was born March 10, 1891, in  
10 Philadelphia and later attended Lincoln University,  
11 originally established as The Ashmun Institute, the nation's  
12 first degree-granting Historically Black College and  
13 University.

14 (2) Frank Boston then attended the Medico-Chirurgical  
15 College, an outgrowth of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of  
16 Philadelphia, which merged with the University of  
17 Pennsylvania Medical College and Jefferson Medical College.

18 (3) Dr. Boston enlisted and was immediately given the

1 rank of first lieutenant in the Army Medical Reserve Corps,  
2 where he served in France during World War I with the rank of  
3 captain and ended his military service as a major.

4 (4) After the war, Dr. Boston returned to work in  
5 Philadelphia and later settled in Lansdale where he opened  
6 the Elm Terrace Hospital, which was later renamed North Penn  
7 Hospital and subsequently became part of the Abington-  
8 Jefferson Health Systems.

9 (5) Dr. Boston also formed a First Aid Emergency Squad  
10 in Lansdale, eventually known as the Volunteer Medical  
11 Service Corps of Lansdale, and was a member of the Reserve  
12 Officers Association of Military Surgeons, the Montgomery  
13 County Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

14 (6) Dr. Boston died February 8, 1960, at 69 years of  
15 age, and was buried in Lansdale.

16 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 2004, also  
17 known as North Broad Street, within the Borough of Lansdale AND <--  
18 HATFIELD TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, is designated as the Dr.  
19 Frank Erdman Boston 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.