

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 621 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY COMITTA, KANE, BREWSTER, SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, ROBINSON AND STREET, APRIL 25, 2023

SENATOR LANGERHOLC, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, MAY 10, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of Pennsylvania Route 41 (Gap Newport
2 Pike) from the intersection with Bernard Avenue in-- <--
3 Cochranville, West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, to
4 the intersection with Highland Road in Cochranville, West <--
5 Fallowfield Township, Chester County, as the Corporal Brandon
6 Hardy Memorial Highway.

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

9 Section 1. Corporal Brandon Hardy Memorial Highway.

10 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds that:

11 (1) Brandon Michael Hardy, born March 8, 1981, was a
12 resident of Cochranville, Chester County, and was the oldest
13 of four children.

14 (2) Corporal Hardy graduated from Octorara High School
15 in 1999 and enrolled at CAT-Brandywine Vocational Technical
16 School in the culinary arts program and was awarded the
17 Outstanding Culinary Arts Co-Op Student Award.

18 (3) After seeing news coverage of Operation Desert Storm
19 in 1991, Corporal Hardy was inspired to join the military and

1 later decided to join the United States Air Force in 1999.

2 (4) Corporal Hardy was stationed in Germany for two  
3 years and served three years at Fairchild Air Force Base in  
4 Spokane, Washington.

5 (5) While serving at these duty stations, Corporal Hardy  
6 was deployed three times to the Middle East, serving in Saudi  
7 Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

8 (6) In an extraordinary move, Corporal Hardy decided to  
9 forgo his rank and pay to basically start over and enlist as  
10 a member of the United States Marine Corps.

11 (7) After advanced infantry training, Corporal Hardy  
12 moved on to Camp Pendleton where he graduated at the top of  
13 the class at the Assault Amphibian Training School, serving  
14 as crew chief of an assault amphibian vehicle assigned to the  
15 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I  
16 Marine Expeditionary Force.

17 (8) Corporal Hardy was deployed to Iraq on March 27,  
18 2006.

19 (9) On April 15, 2006, in the early morning hours, at  
20 the Haditha Dam area in Anbar Province, Iraq, Corporal Hardy  
21 was returning to base camp after an aid and assist mission  
22 when the vehicle in which he was a passenger struck an IED.

23 (10) Three of the five passengers of the Humvee were  
24 mortally wounded, including Corporal Hardy, who was killed in  
25 action.

26 (11) As a member of the United States Marine Corps,  
27 Corporal Hardy received the following awards:

28 (i) Purple Heart.

29 (ii) Combat Action Ribbon.

30 (iii) Good Conduct Medal.

- 1 (iv) National Defense Service Medal.
- 2 (v) Iraq Campaign Medal.
- 3 (vi) Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.
- 4 (vii) Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.
- 5 (viii) Hawaiian Medal of Honor by the State of
- 6 Hawaii.

7 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 41 (Gap  
8 Newport Pike) from the intersection with Bernard Avenue ~~in~~ <--  
9 ~~Cochranville, West Fallowfield Township, Chester County,~~ to the  
10 intersection with Highland Road in ~~Cochranville,~~ West <--  
11 Fallowfield Township, Chester County, is designated as the  
12 Corporal Brandon Hardy Memorial Highway.

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

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.