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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

No. 1279 Session of  
2015

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SCHWEYER, VEREB, GILLEN, WHITE, QUINN AND MICCARELLI,  
JUNE 5, 2015

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SENATOR RAFFERTY, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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## AN ACT

1 Designating a section of Christopher Columbus Boulevard between  
2 Oregon Avenue and Washington Avenue in the City of  
3 Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, as the William J. Guarnera  
4 and Edward "Babe" Heffron Memorial Boulevard; AND <--  
5 DESIGNATING A PORTION OF US ROUTE 222 IN LANCASTER COUNTY AS  
6 THE SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER HIGHWAY.

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

9 Section 1. William J. Guarnera and Edward "Babe" Heffron  
10 Memorial Boulevard.

11 (a) William J. Guarnera.--The General Assembly finds and  
12 declares as follows:

13 (1) Born in South Philadelphia on April 28, 1923,  
14 William J. Guarnera, also known as Wild Bill, was the son of  
15 the late Joseph and Augusta Guarnera.

16 (2) Mr. Guarnera joined the Citizens Military Training

1 Camp and graduated from South Philadelphia High School in  
2 1941 while working for Baldwin Locomotive Works building  
3 Sherman tanks for the United States Army.

4 (3) He enlisted in the United States Army on August 31,  
5 1942, and served as a Staff Sergeant with Easy Company, 2nd  
6 Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in the 101st  
7 Airborne Division during World War II.

8 (4) As a paratrooper, Mr. Guarneri made his first combat  
9 jump on D-Day as part of the Allied invasion of France, and  
10 he fought during the Battle of Normandy, Operation Market  
11 Garden and the Battle of the Bulge.

12 (5) He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with  
13 oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart with two oak leaf  
14 clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Campaign Medal with  
15 three service stars and arrow device, the World War II  
16 Victory Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation with oak leaf  
17 cluster.

18 (6) Mr. Guarneri was portrayed in the miniseries, Band  
19 of Brothers, produced by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg in  
20 2001.

21 (7) He was a beloved family member, dedicated worker and  
22 honorable military veteran. He exemplified the best qualities  
23 of the human experience.

24 (8) William J. Guarneri passed away at the age of 90 on  
25 March 8, 2014. He generously gave his heart and time to  
26 enhance the quality of life of his family and community.

27 (b) Mr. Edward "Babe" Heffron.--The General Assembly further  
28 finds and declares as follows:

29 (1) Born in South Philadelphia on May 16, 1923, Edward  
30 James Heffron, also known as Babe, was the son of the late

1 Joseph and Anne Heffron.

2 (2) Mr. Heffron attended Sacred Heart Catholic School  
3 and South Philadelphia High School.

4 (3) Mr. Heffron was employed with New York Shipbuilding  
5 in Camden, New Jersey, before enlisting in the United States  
6 Army on November 7, 1942.

7 (4) He served as a Private First Class with Easy  
8 Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, in  
9 the 101st Airborne Division during World War II.

10 (5) Mr. Heffron fought in several battles, including  
11 Operation Market Garden and the Battle of the Bulge, and was  
12 involved in the liberation of the Kaufering concentration  
13 camp in Landsberg, Germany.

14 (6) For his gallant service, Mr. Heffron received the  
15 Bronze Star, Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal and the  
16 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

17 (7) He was also portrayed in the miniseries, Band of  
18 Brothers, in 2001.

19 (8) A beloved family member, dedicated worker and  
20 honorable military veteran, Mr. Heffron exemplified the best  
21 qualities of the human experience.

22 (9) Mr. Heffron passed away at the age of 90 on December  
23 1, 2013.

24 (c) Designation.--The section of Christopher Columbus  
25 Boulevard between Oregon Avenue and Washington Avenue in the  
26 City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, is hereby designated  
27 as the William J. Guarneri and Edward "Babe" Heffron Memorial  
28 Boulevard.

29 (d) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
30 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the boulevard

1 designated in subsection (c).

2 SECTION 2. SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER HIGHWAY. <--

3 (A) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF US ROUTE 222 IN LANCASTER  
4 COUNTY, FROM THE POINT AT WHICH US ROUTE 222 ENTERS WARWICK  
5 TOWNSHIP TO THE EPHRATA US 322 EXIT, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE  
6 SENATOR NOAH W. WENGER HIGHWAY.

7 (B) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND  
8 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO  
9 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.

10 Section ~~2~~ 3. Effective date. <--

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.