
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 837 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY WARD, RESCHENTHALER, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK,
BARTOLOTTA AND VULAKOVICH, JULY 31, 2017

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JULY 31, 2017

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 981 in Smithton Borough and
2 South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, as the
3 Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc Memorial Highway.

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

6 Section 1. Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc Memorial Highway.

7 (a) Findings.--

8 (1) Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc was born and raised
9 in South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County.

10 (2) Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc was drafted into the
11 United States Army and served in Vietnam with the 1st
12 Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, B Company.

13 (3) Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc was killed March 7,
14 1969, in the Binh Duong province of South Vietnam, at 21
15 years of age from wounds he sustained from hostile fire while
16 leading his platoon against enemy forces as a light weapons
17 infantry specialist.

18 (4) For his courageous service, Specialist 4 William J.

1 Kolenc was posthumously awarded the following honors: the
2 National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge,
3 the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam
4 Service Medal.

5 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 981 in
6 Westmoreland County from Fort Street, Smithton Borough, to Dutch
7 Hollow Road, South Huntingdon Township, is hereby designated the
8 Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc Memorial Highway.

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

12 Section 2. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.