## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

## No. 1969 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY GUENST, KINSEY, COX, SONNEY, RYAN, STAATS, BURGOS, T. DAVIS, BURNS, MILLARD, SANCHEZ, LONGIETTI, WEBSTER, DAVANZO, ROWE, NEILSON AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 12, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 12, 2021

## AN ACT

- 1 Designating a portion of State Route 2009, also known as Byberry
- Road, between State Route 2040, also known as Warminster
- Road, and State Route 263, also known as Old York Road, in
- 4 Hatboro Borough, Montgomery County, as the SPC John Kulick
- 5 Memorial Highway.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. SPC John Kulick Memorial Highway.
- 9 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
- 10 follows:
- 11 (1) SPC John Kulick began his distinguished firefighting
- career when he joined the Enterprise Fire Company as a 16-
- 13 year-old junior firefighter in 1985, and subsequently rose to
- 14 the rank of deputy chief.
- 15 (2) He later became a Federal Firefighter at the now
- 16 closed Johnsville Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster,
- 17 Pennsylvania.
- 18 (3) Upon closing, he was transferred to the Naval Air
- 19 Station Willow Grove.

- 1 (4) He subsequently became a career firefighter for the 2 Whitpain Township Fire Department in Montgomery County, where 3 he also served as the township's assistant fire marshal.
  - (5) After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, SPC John Kulick was moved to join the Pennsylvania National Guard in September 2003. He was deployed to Iraq shortly after he completed boot camp.
- 8 (6) He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry
  9 Regiment (Mechanized), Pennsylvania Army National Guard of
  10 Philadelphia.
- 11 (7) On August 9, 2005, while serving during Operation
  12 Iraqi Freedom, SPC John Kulick was killed at 35 years of age,
  13 along with three of his fellow soldiers, when a mine exploded
  14 and enemy forces attacked using small arms fire as they were
  15 investigating a rocket-propelled grenade incident in Bayji,
  16 Iraq.
- 17 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 2009, also
  18 known as Byberry Road, between State Route 2040, also known as
  19 Warminster Road, and State Route 263, also known as Old York
  20 Road, in Hatboro Borough, Montgomery County, is designated as
- 21 the SPC John Kulick Memorial Highway.
- 22 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and 23 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
- 24 traffic in both directions on the highway.
- 25 Section 2. Effective date.
- 26 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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