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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2565 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY HANNA, JULY 18, 2018

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JULY 18, 2018

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AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of Pennsylvania Route 192 from the  
2 intersection with Pennsylvania Route 477 in Miles Township,  
3 Centre County, to the intersection with Pennsylvania Route  
4 144 in Centre Hall Borough, Centre County, as the Central  
5 Pennsylvania Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
9 Highway.

10 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
11 follows:

12 (1) Although there was no official declaration of war,  
13 it is widely accepted that the Vietnam War started on  
14 November 1, 1955, and ended on April 30, 1975, lasting 19  
15 years and 180 days.

16 (2) On August 2, 1964, the North Vietnamese fired on two  
17 United States naval destroyers anchored in the Gulf of  
18 Tonkin.

19 (3) As a result, the Congress of the United States  
20 passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which authorized the

1 United States to engage in a full-scale intervention in the  
2 Vietnam War.

3 (4) On March 8, 1965, the first American combat troops,  
4 the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, landed in Da Nang,  
5 Vietnam.

6 (5) The last American ground troops left Vietnam on  
7 March 29, 1973, more than two years before the official end  
8 of the war when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam.

9 (6) Two hundred and forty individuals were awarded the  
10 Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

11 (7) Approximately 2,700,000 American men and women  
12 served in uniform in Vietnam, including over 300,000  
13 Pennsylvanians.

14 (8) The Vietnam War resulted in 58,148 Americans dying  
15 in combat, including over 3,000 Pennsylvanians.

16 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 192 from  
17 the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 477 in Miles Township,  
18 Centre County, to the intersection with Pennsylvania Route 144  
19 in Centre Hall Borough, Centre County, is hereby designated as  
20 the Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

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

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.