

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 837 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY WARD, RESCHENTHALER, DINNIMAN, YUDICHAK, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE AND COSTA, JULY 31, 2017

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 12, 2018

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. B <--
13 COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 26TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1ST INFANTRY
14 DIVISION.

15 (3) Specialist 4 William J. Kolenc was killed March 7,
16 1969, in the Binh Duong province of South Vietnam, at 21
17 years of age from wounds he sustained from hostile fire while

1 leading his platoon against enemy forces as a light weapons
2 infantry specialist.

3 (4) For his courageous service, Specialist 4 William J.
4 Kolenc was posthumously awarded the following honors: the
5 National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge,
6 the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam
7 Service Medal.

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

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

15 Section 2. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect in 60 days.