

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2822 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY POLINCHOCK, BERNSTINE, CONKLIN, GUENST, HILL-
EVANS, JAMES, MILLARD, RYAN, SONNEY AND GILLEN,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 from the
2 intersection of Upper Barnes Road and K Street (Segment
3 0040/Offset 2133) to the intersection of Oakfield Road
4 (Segment 0030/Offset 1879) in Warrington Township, Bucks
5 County, as the Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr., Memorial
6 Highway.

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

9 Section 1. Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

12 (1) Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr., was born October 11,
13 1983, in Abington.

14 (2) Officer Plum graduated from Abington High School in
15 2002, earned an online associate's degree in criminal justice
16 and was pursuing his bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania
17 State University.

18 (3) Officer Plum served in the United States Marine
19 Corps from 2003 to 2007, was a rifleman and corporal and

1 earned distinction while serving in Iraq.

2 (4) Officer Plum created Warrington Township's K-9 unit
3 in 2018, became the supervisor of the unit and was a popular
4 liaison between the unit and other law enforcement
5 departments and the community.

6 (5) Officer Plum teamed with his Dutch Shepherd, Murphy,
7 to form a loveable but formidable presence in Warrington
8 Township and throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

9 (6) Before 2018, Officer Plum served with the
10 department's major incident response team, the narcotics unit
11 and as a motorcycle highway patrolman.

12 (7) Officer Plum was also a former firefighter for the
13 Abington and Roslyn Fire Companies and a former emergency
14 medical technician for the Second Alarmers Association and
15 Rescue Squad of Montgomery County.

16 (8) Officer Plum declined a recent promotion to remain
17 in the unit and, when COVID-19 shut down schools and day care
18 in 2020, he read stories aloud on Facebook videos to occupy
19 and reassure restless children.

20 (9) Off the job, Officer Plum enjoyed camping, hunting
21 and tooling around on his ATV. He followed the Phillies,
22 Flyers and Penn State football and was a member of St. Cyril
23 of Jerusalem Parish in Jamison and a former member of St.
24 David Roman Catholic Church in Willow Grove.

25 (10) On May 16, 2022, Officer Plum tragically passed
26 away of cardiac arrest in his home.

27 (11) Officer Plum is survived by his wife, Nancy, and
28 five children.

29 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 611 from
30 the intersection of Upper Barness Road and K Street (Segment

1 0040/Offset 2133) to the intersection of Oakfield Road (Segment
2 0030/Offset 1879) in Warrington Township, Bucks County, is
3 designated the Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr., Memorial Highway.

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

7 Section 2. Effective date.

8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.