

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 378 in Lehigh and
2 Northampton Counties as the Charles P. Bednarik Memorial
3 Highway.

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

6 Section 1. Charles P. Bednarik Memorial Highway.

7 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds as follows:

8 (1) Charles P. Bednarik was born May 1, 1925, in
9 Bethlehem and later graduated from Bethlehem (Liberty) High
10 School, where he was an outstanding scholar athlete.

11 (2) Mr. Bednarik proudly served in the United States
12 Army Air Corps during World War II as a gunner aboard a B24
13 bomber, flying in 30 missions over Germany. He earned an Air
14 Medal with four oak leaf clusters as well as five battle
15 stars.

16 (3) Upon his return from service with the Army, Mr.
17 Bednarik continued his academic and football career at the
18 University of Pennsylvania, where he was a two-time All-

1 American and earned the Maxwell Award as the nation's most
2 outstanding player.

3 (4) The last of pro football's 60-minute men, Mr.
4 Bednarik was the first player picked in the 1949 National
5 Football League (NFL) draft, selected by the Philadelphia
6 Eagles.

7 (5) During his 14 seasons with the Eagles, Mr. Bednarik
8 won two NFL championships.

9 (6) Mr. Bednarik's performance in the 1960 championship
10 game is one of NFL legend. He was on the field for every
11 offensive and defensive play, making the game-saving tackle
12 of Jim Taylor to preserve the Eagles' 17-13 victory.

13 (7) In 1967, Mr. Bednarik was elected into the Pro
14 Football Hall of Fame, and his election into the College
15 Football Hall of Fame followed in 1969. Mr. Bednarik is also
16 a member of both the University of Pennsylvania Hall of Fame
17 and the Lehigh Valley Hall of Fame.

18 (8) The college football defensive player of the year
19 award, given annually, is named after Mr. Bednarik.

20 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 378 in Lehigh
21 and Northampton Counties from the Bethlehem city line to State
22 Route 309, Segment 0010, Offset 0021, to Segment 0050, Offset
23 1077, is hereby designated the Charles P. Bednarik Memorial
24 Highway.

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

28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.