

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1114 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY KASUNIC, OCTOBER 19, 2007

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OCTOBER 6, 2008

AN ACT

1 Designating the scenic view ~~on~~ ADJACENT TO State Route 40 in <—
2 Wharton Township, Fayette County, as the "Blue Star Point
3 ~~Lookout.~~" LOOKOUT"; DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF US ROUTE 20, <—
4 KNOWN AS WEST 26TH STREET, IN MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP, ERIE
5 COUNTY, FROM PENINSULA DRIVE TO POWELL AVENUE AS THE JOHN W.
6 GROTERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND DESIGNATING A PORTION OF
7 COTTMAN AVENUE (ROUTE 73), BURHOLME SECTION, CITY OF
8 PHILADELPHIA, AS THE POLICE SERGEANT STEPHEN LICZBINSKI
9 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

10 ~~The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:~~ <—

11 ~~(1) The Blue Star Memorial began in 1945 to honor the~~
12 ~~men and women serving in the Armed Forces during World War~~
13 ~~II. The name was chosen for the star on flags displayed in~~
14 ~~homes and businesses denoting a family member serving.~~

15 ~~(2) The Blue Star Memorial Program now honors all men~~
16 ~~and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the~~
17 ~~Armed Forces of the United States.~~

18 ~~(3) In June of 2007, the Great Meadows Garden Club of~~
19 ~~Farmington in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of~~
20 ~~Transportation erected a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker at~~

1 ~~the scenic view ON STATE ROUTE 9202.~~ <—

2 ~~(4) The scenic view designation honors the commitment,~~
3 ~~service and sacrifice to those who have served, are serving~~
4 ~~or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.~~

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

7 Section 1. Blue Star Point Lookout.

8 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS <—
9 FOLLOWS:

10 (1) THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL BEGAN IN 1945 TO HONOR THE
11 MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR
12 II. THE NAME WAS CHOSEN FOR THE STAR ON FLAGS DISPLAYED IN
13 HOMES AND BUSINESSES DENOTING A FAMILY MEMBER SERVING.

14 (2) THE BLUE STAR MEMORIAL PROGRAM NOW HONORS ALL MEN
15 AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED, ARE SERVING OR WILL SERVE IN THE
16 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

17 (3) IN JUNE OF 2007, THE GREAT MEADOWS GARDEN CLUB OF
18 FARMINGTON IN COOPERATION WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
19 TRANSPORTATION ERECTED A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MARKER AT
20 THE SCENIC VIEW ON STATE ROUTE 9202.

21 (4) THE SCENIC VIEW DESIGNATION HONORS THE COMMITMENT,
22 SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, ARE SERVING
23 OR WILL SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

24 ~~(a)~~ (B) Designation.--The scenic view ~~on~~ ADJACENT TO State <—
25 Route 40 in Wharton Township, Fayette County, is designated and
26 shall be known as the "Blue Star Point Lookout."

27 ~~(b)~~ (C) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect <—
28 and maintain signs which shall display the name of the scenic
29 view designated in subsection (a) at the entrance to the scenic
30 view ON STATE ROUTE 9202. <—

1 SECTION 2. JOHN W. GROTERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

2 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
3 FOLLOWS:

4 (1) JOHN W. GROTERS WAS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE ERIE
5 COMMUNITY AS A VOLUNTEER, A BUSINESSMAN AND A PUBLIC SERVANT.

6 (2) HE WAS A VOLUNTEER AT THE WEST RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
7 AND WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO TEACH FIRST AID TO ALL THE
8 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN MILLCREEK.

9 (3) HE WAS A PARTNER IN THE REFFNER AND GROTERS ESSO
10 STATION, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF WEST 26TH STREET AND POWELL
11 AVENUE IN THE LATE 1940S AND EARLY 1950S.

12 (4) HE WENT TO WORK FOR THE MILLCREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
13 MAINTENANCE AND AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER EVENTUALLY RISING TO
14 BECOME HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION, WHERE HE SCHEDULED THE BUS
15 ROUTES FOR ALL THE MILLCREEK SCHOOLS AND STILL FILLED IN AS A
16 DRIVER WHEN NECESSARY.

17 (5) IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MILLCREEK
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT HONORS HIS MEMORY WITH AN
19 ANNUAL JOHN W. GROTERS DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

20 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE PORTION OF US ROUTE 20, KNOWN AS WEST
21 26TH STREET, IN MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP, ERIE COUNTY, FROM PENINSULA
22 DRIVE TO POWELL AVENUE, IS DESIGNATED THE JOHN W. GROTERS
23 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

24 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
25 MAINTAIN SIGNS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ROADWAY DESIGNATED IN
26 SUBSECTION (B).

27 SECTION 3. POLICE SERGEANT STEPHEN LICZBINSKI MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

28 (A) FINDINGS.--POLICE SERGEANT STEPHEN LICZBINSKI WAS
29 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON MAY 3, 2008, WHILE
30 PURSUING BANK ROBBERS. SERGEANT LICZBINSKI WAS 39 YEARS OLD AT

1 THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE WAS A DEVOTED AND LOVING HUSBAND TO
2 HIS WIFE AND PROUD AND LOVING FATHER TO HIS THREE CHILDREN. HE
3 WAS A RESIDENT OF THE BURHOLME SECTION OF PHILADELPHIA.

4 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE PORTION OF COTTMAN AVENUE (ROUTE 73)
5 FROM ALGON AVENUE WEST TO CENTRAL AVENUE, BURHOLME SECTION, CITY
6 OF PHILADELPHIA, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE POLICE SERGEANT
7 STEPHEN LICZBINSKI MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

8 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
9 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS TO INDICATE THE DESIGNATION UNDER
10 SUBSECTION (B).

11 Section ~~2~~ 4. Effective date.

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12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.