

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 88 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY DAY, KNOWLES, COX, BARRAR, LONGIETTI, DUSH, CAUSER, BROWNLEE, HENNESSEY, PAYNE, DIGIROLAMO, FREEMAN, CALTAGIRONE, MACKENZIE, COHEN, SCHLOSSBERG, PASHINSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, D. COSTA, TOEPEL, MILLARD, J. HARRIS, McNEILL, KIM, HARHART, READSHAW, MARSICO, TALLMAN, GILLEN, GROVE, WATSON, GOODMAN, SAMUELSON, FARINA, SCHWEYER, MURT, CONKLIN, HAHN, JOZWIAK, GABLER, A. HARRIS, VEREB, M. K. KELLER, MAJOR AND McCARTER, JANUARY 21, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 21, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 309 North in Lynn Township,  
 2 Lehigh County, between the intersections of Northwest Road  
 3 and Long Court and Mosserville Road and Mountain Road, as the  
 4 Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van Parys Memorial Road.

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

7 Section 1. Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van Parys Memorial Road.

8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as  
 9 follows:

10 (1) Brandon J. Van Parys was born in Norristown,  
 11 Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1986, and, in 2005, graduated  
 12 from Northwestern Lehigh High School, New Tripoli.

13 (2) After high school, he attended Lehigh Career  
 14 Technical Institute where he took courses in law enforcement.

15 (3) In November 2005, motivated by the terrorist attacks  
 16 on September 11, 2001, to serve his country, he enlisted in

1 the United States Marine Corps.

2 (4) Lance Corporal Van Parys was a member of the 3rd  
3 Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II  
4 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

5 (5) On February 5, 2007, in Anbar Province, Iraq, Lance  
6 Corporal Van Parys was tragically killed by a rocket-  
7 propelled grenade while his unit was attempting to secure an  
8 area along the Euphrates River.

9 (6) Lance Corporal Van Parys heroically paid the supreme  
10 sacrifice for the country he loved.

11 (7) Lance Corporal Van Parys was posthumously awarded  
12 the Purple Heart for his courageous service to his country.  
13 He is survived by his father, Alan, and his wife, Tammy; his  
14 mother, Catherine Hearn and her husband, Gregory; his  
15 brothers, Christopher Van Parys, Daniel Van Parys, Samuel  
16 Hearn and Jesse Hearn; and his sister, Ashley Hearn.

17 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 309 North in  
18 Lynn Township, Lehigh County, between the intersections of  
19 Northwest Road and Long Court and Mosserville Road and Mountain  
20 Road is hereby designated as the Lance Corporal Brandon J. Van  
21 Parys Memorial Road.

22 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
23 maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under  
24 subsection (b).

25 Section 2. Effective date.

26 This act shall take effect in 60 days.