

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 834 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, WARD, HENNESSEY, MUSTIO, DIAMOND, MILLARD, PICKETT, COX, BENNINGHOFF, THOMAS, KIM, HICKERNELL, ROZZI, BAKER, DiGIROLAMO, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, M. K. KELLER, DUSH, SONNEY, DRISCOLL, HAHN, TOEPEL, READSHAW, HEFFLEY, DONATUCCI, McNEILL, SCHWEYER, PAYNE, MARSICO, GRELL, TALLMAN, FARINA, BARRAR, ELLIS, A. HARRIS, D. COSTA, VEREB, V. BROWN, GILLEN AND GROVE, MARCH 24, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 24, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of State Route 443 within the municipal
2 boundaries of Orwigsburg Borough, Schuylkill County, as the
3 Corporal David F. Heiser Memorial Highway.

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

6 Section 1. Corporal David F. Heiser Memorial Highway.

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

9 (1) Corporal David F. Heiser was born in Orwigsburg on
10 September 2, 1947, and grew up in the borough. He graduated
11 from Blue Mountain High School in 1965.

12 (2) In March 1968, Corporal Heiser answered the call of
13 duty and enlisted in the United States Army to serve his
14 country. He trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, as an
15 infantryman and as an Army medic.

16 (3) In September 1968, he was promoted to the rank of

1 corporal and was sent to Vietnam. His platoon was ambushed on
2 February 2, 1969, in Binh Duong, Vietnam, and he was killed
3 in action as a direct result of receiving enemy fire on that
4 mission. He was serving as a medic for his platoon when his
5 life was taken.

6 (4) Corporal Heiser received the Purple Heart medal for
7 his fatal injuries in Binh Duong and the Bronze Star with
8 Valor for his courageous actions that day. He is buried at
9 Kimmels Church of God Cemetery in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill
10 County.

11 (5) Corporal Heiser is remembered and honored on Panel
12 33W, Row 40 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington,
13 DC.

14 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 443 from the
15 eastern boundary of Orwigsburg Borough at State Route 443 and
16 Faith Avenue through Orwigsburg Borough to the western boundary
17 of Orwigsburg Borough at Seton Manor, Schuylkill County, is
18 hereby designated the Corporal David F. Heiser Memorial Highway.

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

22 Section 2. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.