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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 866 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY WHEELAND, EVERETT, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, HARHART,  
DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHWEYER, PASHINSKI, McNEILL, GRELL,  
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V. BROWN, HEFFLEY, JOZWIAK, COHEN, WARD AND MAHONEY,  
APRIL 1, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 1, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 15 in Lycoming County as  
2 the Kelly Rae Mertes DUI Awareness Memorial Highway.

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

5 Section 1. Kelly Rae Mertes DUI Awareness Memorial Highway.

6 (a) Findings.--

7 (1) Born on January 23, 1986, in Williamsport, Kelly Rae  
8 Mertes was a lifetime member of St. Boniface Catholic Church,  
9 a recent honors graduate of Bishop Neumann High School and a  
10 gifted artist attending photography college in Lancaster.

11 (2) On February 5, 2005, Kelly Mertes' life was  
12 tragically cut short when, at 19 years of age, she was killed  
13 by a drunk driver nearly five times over the legal blood  
14 alcohol limit.

15 (3) Since the loss of their daughter, the Mertes family  
16 has for the last 10 years tirelessly supported the Lycoming

1 County DUI Taskforce to prevent another tragedy from  
2 occurring.

3 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 15 in Lycoming  
4 County from the Market Street/Hastings Street intersection to  
5 State Route 15/54 is hereby designated the Kelly Rae Mertes DUI  
6 Awareness Memorial Highway.

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

10 Section 2. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect immediately.