
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1987 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, HEFFLEY, SANCHEZ,
BURNS, WEBSTER, MILLARD, STEPHENS, GUENST, ROZZI AND O'MARA,
OCTOBER 21, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 21, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 2004 between Pennsylvania
2 Route 63, also known as Main Street, in Lansdale Borough,
3 Montgomery County, and Pennsylvania Route 309, also known as
4 the Bethlehem Pike, in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County,
5 as the Dr. Frank E. Boston Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. Dr. Frank E. Boston Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) Born in 1890 in Philadelphia, Dr. Frank E. Boston
12 was a World War I veteran of African-American heritage who
13 served in the 317th Infantry and held the title of first
14 lieutenant in the Army Reserve Medical.

15 (2) After completing training, Dr. Boston served in
16 France until the end of his service attaining the final rank
17 of major.

18 (3) After returning to the United States, Dr. Boston
19 came to Lansdale Borough, Montgomery County, and opened Elm

1 Terrace Hospital that would later be renamed North Penn
2 Hospital.

3 (4) Additionally, Dr. Boston started one of the first
4 emergency response units in Lansdale, known as the First Aide
5 Emergency Squad, that is now known as the Volunteer Medical
6 Service Corps (VMSC).

7 (5) To this day, the VMSC uses the logo that Dr. Boston
8 helped design.

9 (6) Dr. Boston passed away in 1960 at the age of 69.

10 (7) Dr. Boston's efforts helped make Lansdale what it is
11 today and very likely saved many lives in the process.

12 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 2004 between
13 Pennsylvania Route 63, also known as Main Street, in Lansdale
14 Borough, Montgomery County, and Pennsylvania Route 309, also
15 known as the Bethlehem Pike, in Hatfield Township, Montgomery
16 County, is designated as the Dr. Frank E. Boston Memorial
17 Highway.

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

21 Section 2. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.