

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 847 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO AND COMMITTA,
AUGUST 27, 2021

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 27, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of State Route 2004, also known as North
2 Broad Street, within the Borough of Lansdale, Montgomery
3 County, as the Dr. Frank Erdman Boston Memorial Highway.

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

6 Section 1. Dr. Frank Erdman Boston Memorial Highway.

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

8 (1) Frank Erdman Boston was born March 10, 1891, in
9 Philadelphia and later attended Lincoln University,
10 originally established as The Ashmun Institute, the nation's
11 first degree-granting Historically Black College and
12 University.

13 (2) Frank Boston then attended the Medico-Chirurgical
14 College, an outgrowth of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of
15 Philadelphia, which merged with the University of
16 Pennsylvania Medical College and Jefferson Medical College.

17 (3) Dr. Boston enlisted and was immediately given the
18 rank of first lieutenant in the Army Medical Reserve Corps,

1 where he served in France during World War I with the rank of
2 captain and ended his military service as a major.

3 (4) After the war, Dr. Boston returned to work in
4 Philadelphia and later settled in Lansdale where he opened
5 the Elm Terrace Hospital, which was later renamed North Penn
6 Hospital and subsequently became part of the Abington-
7 Jefferson Health Systems.

8 (5) Dr. Boston also formed a First Aid Emergency Squad
9 in Lansdale, eventually known as the Volunteer Medical
10 Service Corps of Lansdale, and was a member of the Reserve
11 Officers Association of Military Surgeons, the Montgomery
12 County Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

13 (6) Dr. Boston died February 8, 1960, at 69 years of
14 age, and was buried in Lansdale.

15 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 2004, also
16 known as North Broad Street, within the Borough of Lansdale,
17 Montgomery County, is designated as the Dr. Frank Erdman Boston
18 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 in 60 days.