

No. 2009-12

AN ACT

SB 731

Designating Bushkill Drive, State Route 2019, Northampton County, as the Victor W. Anckaitis Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of State Route 2017 in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, as the Sgt. Ashly L. Moyer Memorial Road.

WHEREAS, Victor W. Anckaitis served the people of the Commonwealth as the first Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anckaitis dedicated himself to the improvement of the transportation network in Pennsylvania through his service in leadership roles as the chief engineer for the Department of Highways, Superintendent of Highways in Northampton County and chairman of the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anckaitis also served as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the State Transportation Commission, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Governor's Council on Natural Resources and Beauty and the Lehigh Valley Flood Control Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anckaitis received an honorary doctorate in engineering from Lafayette College and numerous other civic and professional awards.

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

Section 1. Victor W. Anckaitis Memorial Highway.

(a) Designation.—The section of Bushkill Drive, State Route 2019, in Northampton County, from the intersection with State Route 1002, known as Tatamy Road, to the intersection with 13th Street in the City of Easton, is designated and shall be known as the Victor W. Anckaitis Memorial Highway.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs which shall display the name of the highway designated in subsection (a) at each end.

Section 2. Sgt. Ashly L. Moyer Memorial Road.

(a) Declaration of policy.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Sgt. Ashly L. Moyer was born in Allentown, Lehigh County, and graduated from Emmaus High School in 2003.

(2) In 2004, Sgt. Moyer graduated from the Army Military Police School in Missouri and served at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Bamberg, Germany, before being assigned to Iraq in the 630th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, of the United States Army.

(3) Sgt. Moyer made the supreme sacrifice on March 3, 2007, when the 21 year old was killed while on routine patrol and driving an armored patrol vehicle. She was driving the second vehicle in a convoy of four. As the lead vehicle drove over a buried bomb, insurgents detonated it by remote control. The occupants of the lead vehicle survived, but the explosion detonated the fuel tank on Sgt. Moyer's vehicle, creating a fireball that killed her and the two sergeants with her.

(4) Inspired by her family's military lineage, her marine grandfather having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Sgt. Moyer joined the Army Reserve through the delayed enlistment program while still attending Emmaus High School.

(5) At the time of her death she was survived by her parents, Jane Drumheller of Pike County and Michael Moyer of Lower Macungie, brothers Tyler, 12, and Kyle, 10, a sister, Teagan, 8, and a stepsister, Karissa, 21. She was also survived by her stepparents, grandfather and great-grandmother.

(b) Designation.—State Route 2017, Brookside Road in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, from the intersection with State Route 2021, Buckeye Road, to the intersection with State Route 222 is hereby designated as the Sgt. Ashly L. Moyer Memorial Road.

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

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of July, A.D. 2009.

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