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SYNOPSIS

Designates State Highway Route 42 as the “Route 42 Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating State Highway Route No. 42 as the “Route 42
2 Purple Heart Memorial Highway.”

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4 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is America’s oldest military decoration,
5 established by General George Washington in 1782 to recognize
6 outstanding examples of bravery and sacrifice by the common
7 soldier; and

8 WHEREAS, State Highway Route No. 42 runs through portions of
9 Camden and Gloucester Counties; and

10 WHEREAS, The Battle of Gloucester in Camden County and the Battle
11 of Red Bank in Gloucester County were both pivotal to ensuring
12 the freedom of a new nation and the generations of its citizens to
13 come; and

14 WHEREAS, Both battles were fought by common American troops
15 who, despite being outnumbered, outgunned, and inexperienced as
16 compared to their counterparts, fought with courage and sacrifice;
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18 WHEREAS, The Purple Heart continues to be awarded to
19 extraordinarily brave men and women wounded in military service
20 or given posthumously to the next of kin of those killed in action;
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22 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Legislature of the State of
23 New Jersey to honor all recipients of the Purple Heart – past,
24 present, and future – for their bravery, heroic service, and sacrifice
25 to the United States and to the State of New Jersey by designating
26 State Highway Route No. 42 as the “Route 42 Purple Heart
27 Memorial Highway”; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
30 *of New Jersey:*

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32 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate State
33 Highway Route No. 42 as the “Route 42 Purple Heart Memorial
34 Highway” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and
35 dedication.

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37 2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing,
38 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established
39 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of
40 Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants or other
41 financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding
42 or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs
43 associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing
44 the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and
45 entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources,
46 including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit,
47 educational or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall
48 proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of

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1 Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a
2 responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing,
3 purchasing, erecting and maintaining the signs.

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill designates State Highway Route No. 42 as the “Route
11 42 Purple Heart Memorial Highway” to honor the men and women
12 who have received the Purple Heart in recognition of their
13 extraordinary courage and sacrifice in military service to the United
14 States and the cause of freedom throughout the world.

15 The Purple Heart was created by General George Washington in
16 1782 to recognize outstanding examples of braver and sacrifice by
17 the common soldier and continues to be awarded to courageous men
18 and women for their military service.