

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 201 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY GLEIM, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, DAVANZO, RAPP AND GILLEN,
MARCH 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 641 from the
2 intersection with Springfield Avenue in Newville Borough to
3 the intersection with Green Hill Road in West Pennsboro
4 Township, Cumberland County, as the SFC Randall Shughart
5 Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. SFC Randall Shughart Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) Sergeant First Class Randall David "Randy" Shughart
12 was born August 13, 1958, in Lincoln, Nebraska, into an Air
13 Force family.

14 (2) The Shugharts moved to Newville, Pennsylvania, after
15 SFC Shughart's father left the United States Air Force,
16 living on and tending to a dairy farm.

17 (3) SFC Shughart joined the United States Army while
18 attending Big Spring High School in Newville and entered upon
19 graduation.

1 (4) SFC Shughart completed a pre-ranger course and was
2 granted a slot to attend Army Ranger School, from which he
3 graduated and earned the coveted Ranger Tab.

4 (5) SFC Shughart left the service for a time and then
5 reenlisted into the Army Rangers. He was later assigned to
6 "Delta Force" and transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

7 (6) SFC Shughart was deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia,
8 with other Delta Force members in the summer of 1993 as part
9 of Task Force Ranger.

10 (7) On October 3, 1993, SFC Shughart was a member of the
11 sniper team during Operation Gothic Serpent, a joint-force
12 assault mission to apprehend key advisers to Somali warlord
13 Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

14 (8) During the assault, Super Six One and Four, two of
15 the Army's Black Hawk helicopters providing insertion and air
16 support to the assault team, were shot down and crashed in
17 the city.

18 (9) SFC Shughart and his Delta Sniper Team Leader,
19 Master Sergeant Gary Gordon, were inserted approximately 100
20 meters from the second crash site, armed with only their
21 sniper rifles and sidearms, and made their way to the
22 location of the downed Blackhawk.

23 (10) When Master Sergeant Gordon and SFC Shughart
24 reached Super Six Four, they extracted the pilot, Chief
25 Warrant Officer Mike Durant, and other crew members from the
26 aircraft and established defensive positions around the
27 crash.

28 (11) It is believed that Master Sergeant Gordon was
29 first to be shot by a mob, which had surrounded the crash
30 site.

1 (12) SFC Shughart retrieved Master Sergeant Gordon's
2 CAR-15 assault rifle and gave it to Chief Warrant Officer
3 Durant to use. Shortly after, SFC Shughart was killed, the
4 site was overrun and Chief Warrant Officer Durant was beaten
5 by the mob before being taken hostage.

6 (13) SFC Shughart posthumously received the Medal of
7 Honor for his heroic actions and sacrifice.

8 (b) Designation.--The portion of Pennsylvania Route 641 from
9 the intersection with Springfield Avenue in Newville Borough to
10 the intersection with Green Hill Road in West Pennsboro
11 Township, Cumberland County, is designated the SFC Randall
12 Shughart Memorial Highway.

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

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.