

No. 2017-11

AN ACT

HB 93

Designating a portion of State Route 93 from the boundary line between Berwick Borough and Briar Creek Borough, Columbia County, to the boundary line between Orangeville Borough and Orange Township, Columbia County, as the Stuart Tank Memorial Highway.

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

Section 1. Stuart Tank Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The American Car and Foundry Company in Berwick employed 9,135 workers from 177 municipalities throughout northeastern Pennsylvania during the World War II era.

(2) These workers produced 15,224 Stuart Light Tanks as their contribution to the Arsenal of Democracy and to the thousands of soldiers, Marines and Allied forces who rode those tanks to victory over tyranny.

(3) The United States Ordnance Department required road testing of each Stuart Light Tank prior to government acceptance.

(4) State Route 93 from the American Car and Foundry Company - Berwick plant to the outskirts of Orangeville Borough was the route selected for this road testing.

(5) From 1940 through 1944, Stuart Light Tanks were road tested on this route at a rate of up to 40 tanks per day.

(6) Stuart Light Tanks have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with a historical marker at the current entrance to what had been the American Car and Foundry Company complex in Berwick.

(b) Designation.—The portion of State Route 93 from the boundary line between Berwick Borough and Briar Creek Borough, Columbia County, to the boundary line between Orangeville Borough and Orange Township, Columbia County, is designated as the Stuart Tank Memorial Highway.

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

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 29th day of June, A.D. 2017

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