

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1059 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY COLEMAN, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 1019, also known as South  
 2 Cedar Crest Boulevard, between Hamilton Boulevard and  
 3 Lindberg Avenue in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County,  
 4 as the Monsignor John P. Murphy Memorial Highway.

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

7 Section 1. Monsignor John P. Murphy Memorial Highway.

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

10 (1) On December 22, 2023, the Diocese of Allentown and  
 11 the St. Thomas More Church community in Salisbury Township  
 12 lost a dedicated servant when Monsignor John P. Murphy of  
 13 Macungie passed away at home at the age of 86.

14 (2) Ordained to the priesthood in 1964, Monsignor Murphy  
 15 dedicated himself to serving the Lehigh Valley, first at the  
 16 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in  
 17 Allentown, where he served for 16 years.

18 (3) In October 1980, he became pastor of St. Thomas More  
 19 parish and on Palm Sunday, April 4, 1982, he was named

1 Monsignor.

2 (4) Monsignor Murphy served St. Thomas More Church for  
3 42 years until his retirement in 2021.

4 (5) Beloved by his congregation, Monsignor Murphy  
5 dedicated his life to service for his parishioners.

6 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 1019, also  
7 known as South Cedar Crest Boulevard, between Hamilton Boulevard  
8 and Lindberg Avenue in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County,  
9 is designated the Monsignor John P. Murphy Memorial Highway.

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

13 Section 2. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect in 60 days.