THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1349 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN AND FONTANA, OCTOBER 13, 2020

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 13, 2020

AN ACT

- Designating the portion of Youngsburg Road-State Road 3043 in South Coatesville Borough, from the intersection of Modena Road to the southern border of South Coatesville Borough, as the Zachariah Walker Memorial Road.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Zachariah Walker Memorial Road.
- 8 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
- 9 follows:
- 10 (1) Zachariah Walker was an African-American steelworker 11 who was burned to death by a mob on August 13, 1911.
- 12 (2) Fifteen local men and teenage boys were indicted for 13 their involvement in Mr. Walker's death but were acquitted of 14 all charges.
- 15 (3) Nationwide outrage over Mr. Walker's death led to 16 the national anti-lynching campaign implemented by the
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- and inspired this Commonwealth's 1923 anti-lynching law.
- 19 (b) Designation. -- The portion of Youngsburg Road-State Road

- 1 3043 in South Coatesville Borough, from the intersection of
- 2 Modena Road to the southern border of South Coatesville Borough,
- 3 is designated the Zachariah Walker Memorial Road.
- 4 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 5 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the road to
- 6 traffic in both directions on the road.
- 7 Section 2. Effective date.
- 8 This act shall take effect in 60 days.