

## CHAPTER 145

**AN ACT** designating New Jersey Route No. 83 as "Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III Memorial Highway," and making an appropriation.

**WHEREAS**, Bertram T. Zimmerman III dedicated his life to serving the citizens of this State as a member of the New Jersey State Police; and

**WHEREAS**, While responding to the scene of an armed robbery in the early morning of February 5, 2004, Trooper Zimmerman died at the age of 32 in a tragic accident on an icy stretch of State Highway 83 in Cape May County; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Zimmerman, who was a graduate of Rutgers University and a skilled carpenter, put himself through the Gloucester County Police Academy and was hired as a patrol officer in Evesham Township before joining the State Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper Zimmerman ascended rapidly through the ranks of the State Police, becoming a member of the elite Tactical Patrol Unit before his untimely death, an accomplishment that was attributed by his colleagues to his fearless devotion to the job he loved, his tenacious work-ethic, and his high-energy and contagious personality; and

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey take action to honor the memory of this dedicated public servant by designating New Jersey Route No. 83 the "Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III Memorial Highway;" now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the entire length of New Jersey Route No. 83 as "Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III Memorial Highway" and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and dedication.
2. There is appropriated \$2,500 from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation for the costs of erecting appropriate signs in accordance with section 1 of this act.
3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 10, 2004.