

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2840 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY HOHENSTEIN, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

AN ACT

1 Designating the portion of State Route 1009, also known as
2 Bridge Street, between State Route 1007, also known as Tacony
3 Street, and State Route 2001, also known as Richmond Street,
4 in the City of Philadelphia as the Joseph A. Ferko Memorial
5 Boulevard.

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

8 Section 1. Joseph A. Ferko Memorial Boulevard.

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

11 (1) The Joseph A. Ferko String Band was founded in
12 Philadelphia in 1922.

13 (2) The string band includes members ranging from 18 to
14 80 years of age.

15 (3) The string band has entertained audiences throughout
16 the world, including performances in France, Italy and Hong
17 Kong.

18 (4) The string band has participated in the annual
19 Mummers Parade since 1923 and boasts the most successful
20 record in the history of the parade competition with prizes

1 that include 20 championships and placing in the top five
2 during 87 of 96 parade competitions.

3 (5) The string band made its first recording in the
4 summer of 1955 and was named to the Billboard Top 100 with
5 its version of "Alabama Jubilee."

6 (6) The string band has contributed to the cultural
7 enrichment and enjoyment of countless citizens throughout its
8 history, thereby reflecting the true nature of artistic
9 integrity.

10 (b) Designation.--The portion of State Route 1009, also
11 known as Bridge Street, between State Route 1007, also known as
12 Tacony Street, and State Route 2001, also known as Richmond
13 Street, in the City of Philadelphia is designated the Joseph A.
14 Ferko Memorial Boulevard.

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

18 Section 2. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect in 60 days.