

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2614 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, McCALL, GOODMAN, SEIP, ADOLPH, BAKER, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOYD, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BROOKS, CAUSER, CLYMER, DAY, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, EACHUS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GROVE, GRUCELA, HARHART, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, M. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, MAJOR, MILLARD, MILLER, MIRABITO, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, D. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PAYTON, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE, TURZAI, VEREB, WATSON AND YUDICHAK, JUNE 28, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 28, 2010

AN ACT

1 Designating the State Street (SR4028) Bridge over the Schuylkill  
2 River in Hamburg Borough and Tilden Township, Berks County,  
3 as the Senator Jim Rhoades Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Senator Jim Rhoades Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) James J. Rhoades was a Republican member of the  
10 Pennsylvania Senate who represented the 29th Senatorial  
11 District from 1980 until his untimely death on October 18,  
12 2008, at the age of 66. At the time of his death, he was  
13 running for his eighth term in the Senate.

14 (2) Born December 5, 1941, in Waterbury, Connecticut,

1 Rhoades graduated from East Stroudsburg University of  
2 Pennsylvania in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in education  
3 and later earned a master's degree in education from Lehigh  
4 University in 1966.

5 (3) Rhoades began his professional career as a teacher  
6 and football coach at the Pottsville and Mahanoy City high  
7 schools. After seven years of teaching, Rhoades was appointed  
8 as the principal of the Mahanoy Area Middle School. He served  
9 as principal for ten years before his election to the  
10 Pennsylvania Senate.

11 (4) As a former educator, Rhoades had an interest in  
12 education issues and ultimately became chairman of the  
13 Education Committee of the Senate. As chairman of that  
14 committee, Rhoades had influence over almost all education  
15 policy, including policy initiatives that led to the  
16 Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act and the Head Start Supplemental  
17 Assistance Program.

18 (5) Rhoades also served on the Appropriations,  
19 Transportation, Law and Justice, and Environmental Resources  
20 and Energy committees.

21 (6) Rhoades died at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown  
22 a day after being injured in an automobile accident near  
23 Brodheadsville, Pennsylvania, in Monroe County. He was killed  
24 by a drunk driver.

25 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to  
27 traffic in both directions.

28 Section 2. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.