

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1457 Session of  
2011

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, KILLION, DeWEESE, CALTAGIRONE, GEORGE,  
MIRABITO, FREEMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, DALEY, MAHONEY AND GOODMAN,  
MAY 4, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 4, 2011

AN ACT

1 Redesignating Concord Road (S.R. 3007) in Chester Township,  
2 Delaware County, as Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Robert A. Wright, a native of the City of  
4 Chester, broke racial barriers by becoming the first African  
5 American to serve in the Delaware County District Attorney's  
6 Office and on the county court; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Wright had the unique privilege of swearing in  
8 his own son, Robert C. Wright, to the bench in 1992, and the two  
9 also had the historic privilege of being the first father and  
10 son to serve together on the Common Pleas Court for Delaware  
11 County; and

12 WHEREAS, A graduate of Temple Law School, Judge Wright was  
13 appointed to the court in 1970 and was elected to his first ten-  
14 year term in 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, In December 1989, he was appointed to a senior  
16 status on the court until 2003 when he was named a court  
17 conciliator; and

1 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a judge, he served six years as an  
2 assistant district attorney; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Wright received the Donald J. Orlowsky Award  
4 from the Delaware County Bar Association and the Delaware County  
5 Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Award; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Wright will be remembered as a learned jurist  
7 who combined integrity and compassion with his strong knowledge  
8 of the law and who always reached a fair and just result; and

9 WHEREAS, After a distinguished law career spanning 45 years,  
10 Judge Wright retired in 1989 and passed away on Wednesday,  
11 February 3, 2010, at Glen Mills Senior Living at the age of 90.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.

15 (a) Redesignation.--The road located in Chester Township,  
16 Delaware County, known as Concord Road (S.R. 3007) is  
17 redesignated as Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.

18 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and  
19 maintain appropriate road signs displaying the redesignated name  
20 of the road to traffic in both directions.

21 Section 2. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.