

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1596 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, BISHOP, MIRANDA, D. MILLER, CALTAGIRONE,
THOMAS, HENNESSEY, CLAY, MILLARD, FARINA, YOUNGBLOOD,
NEILSON, BARRAR, PARKER, KILLION, GODSHALL, KINSEY, MAHONEY,
FLYNN, V. BROWN, GINGRICH, GROVE AND COHEN, JUNE 28, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 28, 2013

AN ACT

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

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

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

6 (a) Findings.--

7 (1) Judge Robert A. Wright, a native of the City of
8 Chester, broke racial barriers by becoming the first African
9 American to serve in the Delaware County District Attorney's
10 Office and on the county court.

11 (2) Judge Wright had the unique privilege of swearing in
12 his own son, Robert C. Wright, to the bench in 1992, and the
13 two also had the historic privilege of being the first father
14 and son to serve together on the Common Pleas Court for
15 Delaware County.

16 (3) A graduate of Temple Law School, Judge Wright was
17 appointed to the court in 1970 and was elected to his first

1 ten-year term in 1971.

2 (4) In December 1989, he was appointed to a senior
3 status on the court until 2003 when he was named a court
4 conciliator.

5 (5) Prior to becoming a judge, he served six years as an
6 assistant district attorney.

7 (6) Judge Wright received the Donald J. Orlowsky Award
8 from the Delaware County Bar Association and the Delaware
9 County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Award.

10 (7) Judge Wright will be remembered as a learned jurist
11 who combined integrity and compassion with his strong
12 knowledge of the law and who always reached a fair and just
13 result.

14 (8) After a distinguished law career spanning 45 years,
15 Judge Wright retired in 1989 and passed away on Wednesday,
16 February 3, 2010, at Glen Mills Senior Living at the age of
17 90.

18 (b) Redesignation.--The road located in Chester Township,
19 Delaware County, known as Concord Road (S.R. 3007) is
20 redesignated as Judge Robert A. Wright Memorial Road.

21 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
22 maintain appropriate road signs displaying the redesignated name
23 of the road to traffic in both directions.

24 Section 2. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.