THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1599 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, READSHAW, KIM, MASSER, P. COSTA, J. HARRIS, FARINA, MIRABITO, DERMODY, NEUMAN, VEREB, O'NEILL, CAUSER, CALTAGIRONE, KOTIK, BISHOP, KAVULICH, COHEN, MUSTIO, SONNEY, HESS, SCHLOSSBERG, BOBACK, HENNESSEY, O'BRIEN, DIGIROLAMO, BARRAR, MAJOR, K. BOYLE, LUCAS, V. BROWN, HAHN, JAMES, LONGIETTI, BROWNLEE, MILLARD, CLAY, YOUNGBLOOD, NEILSON, DAVIS, SAMUELSON, TRUITT, CRUZ, RAVENSTAHL, McGEEHAN, P. DALEY, B. BOYLE, GODSHALL, KILLION, HARHART, BAKER, KULA, MAHONEY, GIBBONS, BIZZARRO, GINGRICH, MULLERY, SABATINA, R. MILLER, MCNEILL, SAINATO, WHITE, CUTLER, FLECK, DAVIDSON, QUINN, MARSICO, DELUCA, MICOZZIE, EVERETT, W. KELLER, D. COSTA, STURLA AND M. DALEY, JUNE 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 29, 2013

AN ACT

- Designating a bridge on that portion of S.R. 3019 over the Schuylkill River, City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,
- as the Honorable Robert C. Donatucci Memorial Bridge.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Honorable Robert C. Donatucci Memorial Bridge.
- 7 (a) Findings.--
- 8 (1) Robert "Bobby" Donatucci was a Democratic member of
- 9 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, representing the
- 10 185th Legislative District from 1980 until 2010. The 185th
- 11 District includes the 26th Ward in South Philadelphia, half
- of the 40th Ward in Southwest Philadelphia and three
- 13 communities in Delaware County: Darby Township, Darby Borough

- 1 and Colwyn Borough.
- 2 (2) A native of Philadelphia, Representative Donatucci
- 3 graduated from Bishop Neuman High School in 1970 and
- 4 from Temple University in 1974 where he majored in political
- 5 science.
- 6 (3) He was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of
- 7 Representatives in a special election on March 11, 1980.
- 8 (4) Representative Donatucci served as chair of the
- 9 House Liquor Control Committee from 1993 until his passing.
- 10 As chairman of the Liquor Control Committee, he was charged
- 11 with overseeing the State Store system that dated to the end
- of Prohibition and worked tirelessly on the prevention of
- 13 underage drinking.
- 14 (5) Representative Donatucci was well respected in his
- 15 community and had a passion for classic cars.
- 16 (6) Sadly, on November 9, 2010, Representative Robert
- 17 Donatucci passed away suddenly.
- 18 (7) He is survived by his wife, Maria; two children,
- 19 Dierdre and Thomas; mother, Yolanda; brothers, Ronald and
- Thomas and sisters, Rita and Maria.
- 21 (b) Designation. -- The bridge carrying S.R. 3019 over the
- 22 Schuylkill River in the City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia
- 23 County, commonly known as the Passyunk Avenue Bridge, is hereby
- 24 designated as the Honorable Robert C. Donatucci Memorial Bridge.
- 25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
- 26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
- 27 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 28 Section 2. Effective date.
- 29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.