

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1247 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY REGAN, BURNS, THOMAS, MASSER, DIGIROLAMO, HEFFLEY, P. DALEY, BISHOP, COHEN, KINSEY, SONNEY, HARHART, KILLION, MILLARD, DIAMOND, WARD, MURT, DONATUCCI, M. K. KELLER, MUSTIO, SAYLOR AND KAVULICH, MAY 28, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 28, 2015

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of Interstate 76 over the
 2 Susquehanna River, from York County to Dauphin County, as the
 3 Joseph V. Paterno Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Joseph V. Paterno Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Joseph Vincent Paterno, commonly known as "JoePa,"
 10 was born December 21, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York. He
 11 graduated from the old Brooklyn Preparatory School in 1944
 12 and then spent a year in the Army. Upon being discharged, he
 13 attended Brown University.

14 (2) While at Brown University, Mr. Paterno played
 15 quarterback and cornerback for the Brown Bears and shares the
 16 career record for interceptions with Greg Parker at 14. He
 17 graduated in 1950 and became the assistant football coach at

1 The Pennsylvania State University. In 1964 he was promoted to
2 associate coach and was later named head football coach in
3 1966.

4 (3) Mr. Paterno served 62 seasons on the Penn State
5 coaching staff, the record for most seasons for any football
6 coach at a single university. He served 44 seasons as Penn
7 State's head coach.

8 (4) Mr. Paterno holds an official NCAA total of 18 bowl
9 victories and 37 bowl appearances. He has the distinction of
10 having won each of the four major bowls: Rose, Orange, Fiesta
11 and Sugar, as well as the Cotton Bowl Classic.

12 (5) On May 16, 2006, Mr. Paterno was elected to the
13 College Football Hall of Fame. In 2009, he was named to
14 Sporting News' list of the 50 greatest coaches of all time.

15 (6) Among Mr. Paterno's many honors are the following:

16 (i) *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year, 1986.

17 (ii) Amos Alonzo Stagg Coaching Award (United States
18 Sports Academy), 1989 and 2001.

19 (iii) Amos Alonzo Stagg Award (American Football
20 Coaches Association, "AFCA"), 2002.

21 (iv) AFCA Coach of the Year, 1968, 1978, 1982, 1986
22 and 2005.

23 (v) Associated Press College Football Coach of the
24 Year Award, 2005.

25 (vi) Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award, 1981
26 and 2005.

27 (vii) Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, 1978, 1982
28 and 1986.

29 (viii) George Munger Award (Division I Coach of the
30 Year), 1990, 1994 and 2005.

- 1 (ix) Paul "Bear" Bryant Award, 1986.
- 2 (x) *Sporting News* College Football Coach of the
- 3 Year, 2005.
- 4 (xi) The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award, 2005.
- 5 (xii) Walter Camp Coach of the Year Award,
- 6 1972, 1994 and 2005.
- 7 (xiii) Dave McClain Big Ten Conference Coach of the
- 8 Year, 1994, 2005 and 2008.

9 (7) Mr. Paterno's official career record is 409 wins,

10 136 losses and 3 ties.

11 (8) Mr. Paterno died of complications from lung cancer

12 on January 22, 2012.

13 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on Interstate 76 over

14 the Susquehanna River, from York County to Dauphin County, is

15 hereby designated the Joseph V. Paterno Memorial Bridge.

16 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

17 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to

18 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.