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**House of Representatives**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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**Memorandum**

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Rick Mirabito 

DATE: February 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Carl E. Stotz Little League Bridge

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would rename the bridge that connects South Williamsport to Williamsport, known as the Market Street Bridge, over Susquehanna River, in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Carl E. Stotz Little League Bridge.

As you may know, Carl E. Stotz was born in 1910 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and was a lifelong Williamsport resident who later served as a local tax collector. He is best known, however, for founding what has evolved into the international organization known as Little League Baseball. Carl E. Stotz stumbled over a lilac bush during a backyard game of catch with his two young nephews in 1938 and came up with the idea for Little League Baseball, which has become the world's largest organized youth sports program. Little League Baseball grew from three teams to nearly 200,000 teams in all 50 U.S. states and more than 80 countries.

My legislation, by renaming the bridge, would recognize the contributions of Carl E. Stotz. Carl E. Stotz is a Pennsylvanian who dedicated his life to giving children a game that provides fundamental principles such as sportsmanship, fair play and teamwork that they can use later in life to become good citizens. He also contributed to making the Williamsport area world renowned. Every August, the sixteen best teams in the world converge on Little League Baseball's headquarters in South Williamsport to play the annual Little League World Series before thousands of fans in games televised around the world.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jeannie Kosier in my office at 717-772-1314 or [jkosier@pahouse.net](mailto:jkosier@pahouse.net). Thank you.