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Senate of Pennsylvania

December 6, 2011

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM:

Stewart J. Greenleaf

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SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – **Bridge Designation: Dr. Robert R. Kuhn Bridge**

I am introducing legislation that would designate the bridge on the U.S. Route 202 Parkway over Pennsylvania Route 309 in Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, as the Dr. Robert R. Kuhn Bridge.

Dr. Robert R. Kuhn was recognized by The Partnership Transportation Management Association, a non-profit organization which works with local businesses, municipalities, school districts and other non-profit organizations to help, in part, reduce traffic congestion, for his tireless support of transportation issues in Montgomery Township, including the Route 202 project. Dr. Kuhn was instrumental in ensuring that township land remained undeveloped and preserved for the construction of the new 8.6 mile Route 202 Parkway between Route 63 (Welsh Road) and Route 611 in Montgomery and Bucks counties, which is expected to be completed before the end of 2012. Dr. Kuhn has been involved in local government in Montgomery County for over three decades. He served as a Montgomery Township supervisor for 30 years. He was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1978 and served until 2007. Prior to that time, he served on the township's Planning Commission from June 1972 to December 1977.

As a Montgomery Township Supervisor, Dr. Kuhn reviewed subdivision approvals of developing properties between County Line and Horsham Roads. He was successful in requiring and securing a deed of conveyance from properties within the then prospective pathway of this bypass to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This resulted in acquisition of practically all of the needed land in this area without condemnation, negotiation, and payment by the Commonwealth. Dr. Kuhn prevented developers and owners of commercial and shopping center development from building within the prospective pathway of the bypass between Routes 309 and 63, thus preventing erection of buildings within that area and securing good planning of these developments as related to the proposed 202 bypass. Dr. Kuhn was tireless in his efforts to build consensus for approval of the bypass in adjacent municipalities and in both Montgomery and Bucks counties and with PennDOT authorities.

Recognizing the above, the naming of the bridge on the U.S. Route 202 Parkway over Pennsylvania Route 309 in Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, as the Dr. Robert R. Kuhn Bridge, is appropriate.

*If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at [psnively@pasen.gov](mailto:psnively@pasen.gov).*