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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman

DATE: May 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - Bridge Designation - Cornelius McElhenny Memorial

Bridge

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to designate a bridge carrying State Route 54 over the Reading & Northern Railroad in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County as the Cornelius McElhenny Memorial Bridge.

For decades, the bridge carrying State Route 54 over the Reading & Northern Railroad in Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, Department of Transportation No. 53-0054-0290-0143, has been known as the Cornelius McElhenny bridge. However, legislation is necessary to restore the signs that once carried this designation.

Cornelius McElhenny dedicated his life to his community. He worked in the Morea colliery and served as President of the local chapter of the United Mine Workers of America from 1930 until 1943. Throughout his life, he also held positions as Supervisor for Mahanoy Township, President of the Mahanoy Township Water Authority, member of the Schuylkill County Executive Board, member of the Mahanoy Township School Board, member of the Mahanoy Area School Board, and Director of the Morea-New Boston Breaker Corporation. He was also active in St. Canicus Roman Catholic Church of Mahanoy City. It is fitting that this bridge be officially and permanently designated in his honor.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Linda Reed at <u>lreed@pahouse.net</u> or 787-2798.