

CARL E. STOTZ MEMORIAL LITTLE LEAGUE BRIDGE - DESIGNATION

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An Act

Designating the bridge that connects South Williamsport to Williamsport, known as the Market Street Bridge, carrying U.S. Route 15 over the Susquehanna River in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, as the Carl E. Stotz Memorial Little League Bridge.

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

Section 1. Carl E. Stotz Memorial Little League Bridge.

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

(1) 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 for founding Little League Baseball, which later evolved into an international organization.

(2) February 20, 2010, is the 100th anniversary of his birth.

(3) 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 states and more than 80 countries.

(4) It is largely through Carl E. Stotz's endeavors that the City of Williamsport has become world renowned as the birthplace of Little League Baseball. Every August, the 16 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.

(b) Designation.--The bridge that connects South Williamsport to Williamsport, known as the Market Street Bridge, carrying U.S. Route 15 over the Susquehanna River in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County, is hereby designated and shall be known as the Carl E. Stotz Memorial Little League Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs to traffic in both directions to indicate the designation under subsection (b).

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.