

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1468 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BRENNAN, SAMUELSON, BEYER, DALLY, DAY, FREEMAN, GRUCELA, HARHART, MANN, REICHLEY, BELFANTI, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DENLINGER, DERMODY, DeWEESE, EACHUS, FABRIZIO, GALLOWAY, GERBER, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARKINS, HELM, HESS, M. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MARKOSEK, McCALL, MILLARD, MURT, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, READSHAW, REED, SANTONI, SEIP, SHAPIRO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, MAY 8, 2009

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 8, 2009

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of PA Route 378 in Bethlehem, Northampton
2 County, as the Fred B. Rooney Highway.

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

5 Section 1. Fred B. Rooney Highway.

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

8 (1) Fred B. Rooney was born the son of an Irish-Catholic
9 immigrant in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on November 6, 1925,
10 attended the city's public school and graduated from
11 Bethlehem High School in 1944.

12 (2) Fred B. Rooney served in the United States Army from
13 February 1944 to April 1946 and served in the European
14 Theatre as a paratrooper during World War II.

1 (3) Fred B. Rooney returned home to the United States
2 and earned a degree in business administration from the
3 University of Georgia at Athens in 1950.

4 (4) After working in the real estate and insurance
5 business, Fred B. Rooney was elected to two terms in the
6 Pennsylvania State Senate, from November 5, 1958 until he
7 resigned August 6, 1963.

8 (5) While serving as a Senator, Fred B. Rooney dedicated
9 his energy to serving as a full-time legislator, and also
10 serving as chairman of the Senate Highway Committee for a
11 time.

12 (6) Fred B. Rooney won a special election to the Eighty-
13 eighth Congress in 1963 and served until January 3, 1979,
14 after winning seven succeeding reelection bids.

15 (7) While in Congress, Fred B. Rooney was a staunch
16 advocate and supporter for Bethlehem redevelopment
17 initiatives, economic aid for economically distressed
18 communities, restrictions on imported goods and increases in
19 Federal aid for education. He was also a champion of medical
20 care for the elderly.

21 (8) Fred B. Rooney served on the House Interstate and
22 Foreign Commerce Committee, and also served as the
23 subcommittee chair on Transportation and Commerce.

24 (9) It is largely through his endeavors that PA Route
25 378 runs through the City of Bethlehem.

26 (b) Designation.--That portion of PA Route 378 from U.S.
27 Route 22 to the Hill to Hill Bridge in Bethlehem, Northampton
28 County is hereby designated as the "Fred B. Rooney Highway."

29 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
30 maintain ~~appropriate~~ signs TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS to



- 1 indicate the designation under subsection (b).
- 2 Section 2. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.