
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 17 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY WATSON, CLYMER, DIGIROLAMO, MURT, O'NEILL, PETRI
AND QUINN, OCTOBER 3, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 3, 2011

AN ACT

1 Designating the Pickertown Road Bridge carrying Pickertown Road
2 over the U.S. Route 202 Parkway in Warrington Township, Bucks
3 County, as the Robert V. Cotton Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Robert V. Cotton Bridge.

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

9 (1) Robert V. Cotton is recognized as a long-time
10 proponent and tireless advocate for the construction of the
11 new 8.6-mile Route 202 Parkway in Bucks and Montgomery
12 counties. Mr. Cotton was a member of the Route 202
13 Improvement Committee from 1969 to 1971 and again from 1989
14 to 1996. He also has been a member of the Route 202 Task
15 Force from 2006 to the present time.

16 (2) Mr. Cotton has been involved in local government in
17 Bucks County for four decades. He has served as a New Britain
18 Township supervisor for 36 years. He was first elected in

1 1972 and served through 1978. He was elected again in 1982
2 and has held that office since then. Mr. Cotton also held
3 three different positions with the Bucks County Association
4 of Township Officials, serving as director from 1982 to 1996,
5 as vice president from 1989 to 1992 and as president from
6 1992 to 1994.

7 (3) Mr. Cotton also has been a volunteer emergency
8 responder for 50 years. He has been an active firefighter
9 with the Chalfont Fire Company since 1962 and recently was
10 recognized as an honored life member of the company.

11 (4) He served as New Britain Township's fire marshal
12 from 1988 to 1996. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania
13 Fire and Emergency Services Institute's Advisory Board since
14 1991.

15 (5) Mr. Cotton is a veteran of the Korean War, having
16 served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. An
17 electrical engineer by trade, he graduated with a degree in
18 that field from the University of Connecticut in 1956.

19 (6) Mr. Cotton resides in Chalfont. He was married to
20 Margaret "Jean" Cotton for 54 years until her death in 2009.
21 They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

22 (b) Designation.--The Pickertown Road Bridge carrying
23 Pickertown Road over the U.S. Route 202 Parkway in Warrington
24 Township, Bucks County, is designated as the Robert V. Cotton
25 Bridge.

26 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
27 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
28 traffic in both directions.

29 Section 2. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 60 days.