

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 566 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 18, 2011

AN ACT

1 Designating the Donora-Monessen Bridge in Washington and
 2 Westmoreland Counties as the Stan Musial Bridge.

3 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

4 (1) Born Stanislaw Franciszek Musial November 21, 1920,
 5 Stanley Frank "Stan" Musial is a retired American
 6 professional baseball player who was elected to the Baseball
 7 Hall of Fame in 1969. Nicknamed "Stan the Man," Musial played
 8 22 seasons in Major League Baseball for the St. Louis
 9 Cardinals from 1941 to 1963. A 24-time All-Star selection,
 10 Musial accumulated 3,630 hits and 475 home runs during his
 11 career, was named the National League's Most Valuable Player
 12 three times and was a member of three World Series
 13 championship teams.

14 (2) Musial was born in Donora, Pennsylvania, where he
 15 frequently played baseball in both informal and organized
 16 settings, eventually playing on the baseball team at Donora
 17 High School. Signed to a professional contract by the St.
 18 Louis Cardinals as a pitcher in 1938, by the time Musial made

1 his Major League Baseball debut September 17, 1941, he had
2 been converted into an outfielder. Musial quickly established
3 himself as a consistent and productive hitter, leading the
4 National League in six different offensive categories in 1943
5 while concurrently earning his first MVP award. After winning
6 his second World Series in 1944, Musial missed the entire
7 1945 season while serving with the United States Navy.

8 (3) Receiving his nickname of "The Man" from Brooklyn
9 Dodger fans in 1946, Musial continued his consistent hitting
10 and annual All-Star appearances. In 1948 Musial finished one
11 home run short of winning baseball's Triple Crown. After
12 struggling offensively in 1959, Musial utilized a personal
13 trainer to increase his productivity until retiring in 1963.
14 Musial served as General Manager of the Cardinals in 1966 and
15 1967, in addition to overseeing various businesses such as a
16 restaurant. Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969, the
17 first time his name appeared on the ballot, Musial was
18 selected for the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in
19 1999.

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

22 Section 1. Stan Musial Bridge.

23 (a) Designation.--The bridge carrying the C. Vance Deicas
24 Memorial Highway (S.R. 1077) over the Monongahela River in
25 Washington and Westmoreland Counties is hereby designated the
26 Stan Musial Bridge.

27 (b) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall, in
28 appropriate locations, erect and maintain signs displaying the
29 name designated under subsection (a).

30 Section 2. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.