
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1465 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, PILEGGI AND RAFFERTY, MARCH 29, 2012

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 29, 2012

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 3 in West Chester Borough,
2 Chester County, as the Senator Robert J. Thompson Highway;
3 and designating the Pottstown Pike Bridge over the French
4 Creek in South Coventry Township, Chester County, as the
5 Representative Sam Morris and Eleanor Morris Memorial Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. Senator Robert J. Thompson Highway.

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

11 (1) State Senator Robert J. Thompson served the 19th
12 Senatorial District between 1995 and 2006 with honor and
13 ability and rose to chairman of the Senate Appropriations
14 Committee prior to his passing in 2006.

15 (2) The contributions of Senator Thompson were not
16 limited to the public arena but included service to his
17 community as well. Senator Thompson was the founding
18 executive director of the Chester County Chamber of Commerce,
19 a member of the Chester County Hospital Board, a member of
20 the Immaculata College President's Council and was an elder

1 at the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester.

2 (3) Senator Thompson was a resident of West Goshen and
3 benefited the township and the entire West Chester community
4 through his service on the West Goshen Board of Supervisors,
5 the Chester County Historical Society; the Westtown-Goshen
6 Rotary Club, and the West Chester Area Day Care Association.

7 (4) West Goshen Township is connected to the Borough of
8 West Chester, the county seat for Chester County, by State
9 Route 3.

10 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 3 that is
11 situated between U.S. Route 202 in West Goshen and Adams Street
12 in the Borough of West Chester, Chester County, is hereby
13 designated as the Senator Robert J. Thompson Memorial Highway.

14 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
15 maintain appropriate signs to indicate this designation.

16 Section 2. Representative Sam Morris and Eleanor Morris
17 Memorial Bridge.

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

20 (1) State Representative Sam Morris and Eleanor Morris
21 dedicated their lives to community service and were
22 particularly active in Chester County's conservation
23 movement.

24 (2) Married in 1941, the Morrises in 1945 purchased the
25 400-acre farm in South Coventry, Chester County, that
26 remained their home until Mr. Morris' death in 1995 and Ms.
27 Morris' death in 2011.

28 (3) In 1967, the Morrises founded the French & Pickering
29 Creek Conservation Trust. Ms. Morris served as president of
30 the trust from 1972 to 2000, during which time the trust

1 permanently preserved more than 6,500 acres.

2 (4) State Representative Sam Morris served the
3 Pennsylvania House of Representatives' 155th district from
4 1971 to 1978 and again from 1981 to 1990 and was instrumental
5 in several farmland preservation measures, including the act
6 of December 19, 1974 (P.L.973, No.319), known as the
7 Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974
8 (Clean and Green Act of 1974), the act of June 10, 1982
9 (P.L.454, No.133), referred to as the Right-to-Farm Law, and
10 the 1988 bill providing \$100 million for the purchase of
11 agricultural easements.

12 (5) In 1975, State Representative Morris testified in
13 support of the establishment of the Valley Forge National
14 Historical Park before the United States Congress' Sub-
15 Committee on National Parks and Recreation.

16 (6) The Morrises were leaders in the preservation of the
17 beauty of Chester County and its agricultural heritage, so
18 exemplified by their Lundale Farm in South Coventry Township.

19 (7) The French Creek winds through the Lundale Farm and
20 beneath the Pottstown Pike Bridge on State Route 100.

21 (b) Designation.--The Pottstown Pike Bridge over the French
22 Creek in South Coventry Township, Chester County, located
23 between Prizer Road and Pughtown Road, is hereby designated the
24 Representative Sam Morris and Eleanor Morris Memorial Bridge.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs to indicate this designation.

27 Section 3. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 60 days.