
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1653 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, DIGIROLAMO, MIRANDA, SACCONI,
HAGGERTY, KORTZ, SAINATO, STERN, CALTAGIRONE, NEILSON,
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DENLINGER, MARKOSEK, COHEN, KIRKLAND, FLECK, MURT, GILLEN,
DEASY, TALLMAN, PEIFER AND MAHONEY, AUGUST 26, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 26, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating West Erie Avenue from its intersection with North
2 Second Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, to
3 the point where it meets North Front Street in Philadelphia
4 City, Philadelphia County, as Roberto Clemente Way.

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

7 Section 1. Roberto Clemente Way.

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

10 (1) Roberto Walker Clemente was born in Barrio San Anton
11 in Carolina, Puerto Rico, on August 18, 1934.

12 (2) Roberto Clemente is remembered today as one of
13 baseball's best all-round right fielders, with one of the
14 best arms in baseball. Often referred to as "The Great One,"
15 Clemente was the first Latin American player elected to the
16 Baseball Hall of Fame.

17 (3) Roberto Clemente's life ended on December 31, 1972,

1 in a plane crash while en route to Nicaragua with relief
2 supplies for earthquake victims.

3 (4) In his thirty-eight years, Roberto Clemente became a
4 baseball legend in the United States, but in his homeland and
5 throughout Latin America he became a national and cultural
6 icon. For his "outstanding athletic, civic, charitable, and
7 humanitarian contributions," Roberto Clemente was awarded the
8 Congressional Gold Medal by the United States Congress in
9 1973.

10 (b) Designation.--West Erie Avenue from its intersection
11 with North Second Street in Philadelphia City, Philadelphia
12 County, to the point where it meets North Front Street in
13 Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County, is designated as Roberto
14 Clemente Way.

15 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
16 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
17 traffic in both directions.

18 Section 2. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect immediately.