
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1097 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of State Route 4007 in the Borough of
2 Indiana, Indiana County, as the James Nance Memorial Highway.

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

5 Section 1. James Nance Memorial Highway.

6 (a) Findings.--

7 (1) A native of Indiana, Pennsylvania, James Nance was
8 an outstanding athlete in two sports, wrestling and football.

9 (2) As a wrestler, Mr. Nance won two PIAA heavyweight
10 championships in 1960 and 1961 while at Indiana High School
11 and two NCAA unlimited titles at Syracuse University in 1963
12 and 1965. Mr. Nance was inducted into the Pennsylvania
13 Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1981.

14 (3) On the football field, Mr. Nance led Syracuse to the
15 Sugar Bowl and earned All-America honors. As a college
16 senior, he was named Syracuse University's Athlete of the
17 Year.

18 (4) In a professional football career that spanned four

1 teams in three leagues, the American Football League, the
2 National Football League and the World Football League, Mr.
3 Nance gained over 7,000 yards and averaged better than four
4 yards per carry in his 10-year career.

5 (5) While playing for the Boston Patriots, Mr. Nance
6 became the only AFL player ever to rush for more than 1,400
7 yards in a season. Mr. Nance was an American Football League
8 All-Star in 1966, when he also received the league's Most
9 Valuable Player award, and was an All-Star again in 1967 when
10 he became the only AFL player to have consecutive seasons
11 with over 1,000 yards, this time 1,216 yards.

12 (6) Mr. Nance concluded his professional football career
13 in 1975 with 7,408 yards and 61 touchdowns. He was inducted
14 into the Patriots' Hall of Fame in 2009.

15 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 4007 in the
16 Borough of Indiana, Indiana County, from Philadelphia Street to
17 North Fourth Street is hereby designated the James Nance
18 Memorial Highway.

19 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
20 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
21 traffic in both directions on the highway.

22 Section 2. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect immediately.