
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 937 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, KNOWLES, TOBASH, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
DIGIROLAMO, FREEMAN, HENNESSEY, HILL-EVANS, IRVIN, KINSEY,
KORTZ, LONGIETTI, McCLINTON, MILLARD, MULLINS, NEILSON, PYLE,
READSHAW, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER, SOLOMON, STAATS AND
MARKOSEK, MARCH 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52896, on that
2 portion of Pennsylvania Route 924 over the Shenandoah Creek
3 in the Borough of Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, as the
4 Edward Kleha Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Edward Kleha Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Edward Kleha lived a life of service to the
11 residents of Schuylkill County and this Commonwealth.

12 (2) Born July 6, 1951, Mr. Kleha was the son of the late
13 Edward F. "Duds" and Mary Rose Kleha of Shenandoah.

14 (3) Mr. Kleha attended Annunciation BVM Elementary
15 School, Shenandoah Catholic High School and Cardinal Brennan
16 High School, where he graduated in 1969.

17 (4) Mr. Kleha attended Lehigh Carbon Community College,

1 where he played basketball.

2 (5) Prior to his passing, Edward Kleha was Chief of
3 Staff to Representative Goodman for 15 years and worked at
4 Hexcel Corporation prior to holding that position.

5 (6) Mr. Kleha was passionate about politics and active
6 in the Schuylkill County Democratic Party.

7 (7) Mr. Kleha started his political career as the tax
8 collector for Shenandoah in the 1990s and became chairman of
9 the Schuylkill County Democratic Party for 12 years.

10 (8) Prior to his passing, Mr. Kleha was the chairman of
11 the Schuylkill County Housing Authority and served on the
12 board of directors for the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce,
13 the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Transportation and
14 Government Affairs Committee and the Schuylkill Economic
15 Development Corporation. Mr. Kleha was also a member of the
16 Democratic State Committee.

17 (9) Mr. Kleha was a social member of the Polish American
18 Fire Company and a member of the Shenandoah Fish and Game
19 Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge and was a
20 founding member of the Rodbenders Fishing Club, Inc.

21 (10) Mr. Kleha was a devout Catholic and a member of
22 Divine Mercy Parish in Shenandoah.

23 (11) Mr. Kleha was a descendant of Father Walter J.
24 Ciszek and was honored to have served as an altar boy at
25 Father Ciszek's first mass at St. Casimir's Church in
26 Shenandoah after he returned home from being imprisoned in
27 Russia.

28 (12) Mr. Kleha passed away on March 8, 2018.

29 (13) Mr. Kleha dedicated his life to helping others and
30 was a strong advocate for Schuylkill County.

1 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
2 52896, located on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 924 over
3 the Shenandoah Creek in the Borough of Shenandoah, Schuylkill
4 County, is designated the Edward Kleha Memorial Bridge.

5 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
6 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
7 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

8 Section 2. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.