
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1281 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY KAIL, MARSHALL, HENNESSEY, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, HILL-EVANS, IRVIN, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY,
KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MARKOSEK, MILLARD, MURT, OBERLANDER,
READSHAW, RYAN, SAINATO, SCHWEYER, SONNEY AND STAATS,
APRIL 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge identified as Bridge Key 3522 on that
2 portion of Interstate 376 over the Ohio River in Vanport
3 Township, Beaver County, as the Richard L. Shaw Memorial
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Richard L. Shaw Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Richard L. Shaw, born on May 8, 1927, passed away on
11 December 29, 2018, at 91 years of age.

12 (2) After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh
13 in 1950 with a business degree, Shaw went to work for the
14 Michael Baker Corp., an engineering firm, in 1952. He
15 progressed through various leadership positions before being
16 named president in 1973 and chief executive officer in 1984.

17 (3) He retired as CEO of Michael Baker Corp. in 1992,

1 but returned to that role three times between 1993 and 2006,
2 finally retiring in 2008.

3 (4) Shaw served for decades on the board of directors of
4 the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, as
5 well as the New Brighton Area school board.

6 (5) Shaw was a trustee of Brighton Center for Youth and
7 served on the boards of a number of organizations, including
8 The United Way of Beaver County, Salvation Army, Penn State-
9 Beaver, Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning
10 Commission, Allegheny County Airport Authority, American Red
11 Cross and Boy Scouts of America.

12 (6) In his capacity at Michael Baker Corp., Shaw also
13 completed the property surveys, site design and civil
14 permitting for the new home of the Beaver County Humane
15 Society at no cost to the society. The plan for the state-of-
16 the-art facility came to fruition in 2013.

17 (7) Shaw was a leading force in the designation of Route
18 60 as Interstate 376, which sparked significant economic
19 development in Beaver County.

20 (8) A World War II veteran, Shaw dedicated more than 60
21 years to supporting and expanding the business and civic
22 communities of Beaver County.

23 (b) Designation.--The bridge identified as Bridge Key 3522
24 on that portion of Interstate 376 over the Ohio River in Vanport
25 Township, Beaver County, is designated the Richard L. Shaw
26 Memorial Bridge.

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

30 Section 2. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect in 60 days.