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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1294 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, COSTA, FONTANA AND MENSCH, JUNE 22, 2022

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REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 22, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 36017, on that  
2 portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the Kiskiminetas River,  
3 Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County, and Parks Township,  
4 Armstrong County, as the Rudy Minarcin Memorial Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Rudy Minarcin Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Rudy Minarcin was born March 25, 1930, in North  
11 Vandergrift, Westmoreland County. He led Vandergrift High  
12 School to the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic  
13 League baseball title in 1948 and was a Major League Baseball  
14 pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds and Boston Red Sox.

15 (2) Mr. Minarcin's professional baseball career started  
16 in 1948 with the Vandergrift Pioneers of the Old-Atlantic  
17 League before he was drafted into the Army. After his  
18 service, Mr. Minarcin made the majors at 25 years of age.

19 (3) In 1955, Mr. Minarcin threw a one-hitter complete

1 game at Forbes Field against the Pittsburgh Pirates and  
2 driving in two runs.

3 (4) During his three-season major league career, Mr.  
4 Minarcin had a 6-9 record and a 4.66 earned run average (ERA)  
5 in 70 appearances, including 13 starts, three complete games,  
6 one shutout and three saves, striking out 70 batters while  
7 walking 89 in 170 innings pitched. In addition, he went 77-61  
8 with a 3.59 ERA in parts of eight minor league seasons.

9 (5) Mr. Minarcin also pitched for the Havana Sugar Kings  
10 of the International League before Fidel Castro came to power  
11 and banned professional sports.

12 (6) Mr. Minarcin died on October 15, 2013.

13 (7) A petition was signed by thousands of Vandergrift  
14 citizens in support of this name change.

15 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key  
16 36017, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 56 over the  
17 Kiskiminetas River, Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County,  
18 and Parks Township, Armstrong County, is designated the Rudy  
19 Minarcin Memorial Bridge.

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

23 Section 2. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in 60 days.