

No. 2006-183

AN ACT

SB 1206

Amending the act of June 15, 2006 (P.L.200, No.47), entitled "An act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge," further providing for the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge designation; designating State Route 830 extending from Interstate 80 to the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport in Washington Township, Jefferson County, as the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway; designating the portion of U.S. 6 in Linesville Borough, Crawford County, as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the West" and "Gateway to Pennsylvania" and the portion of U.S. 6 in Matamoras Borough, Pike County, as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the East" and "Gateway to Pennsylvania"; designating the bridge on Interstate 79 crossing U.S. Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County, as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge; designating Front Street from Allegheny Avenue to Rocky Grove Avenue in the Borough of Sugarcreek, Venango County, as the Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway; designating SR 255 from SR 948, Fox Township, Elk County, to the former St. Marys Borough line in Elk County as the William F. Renwick Memorial Highway; designating State Route 263 in Hatboro, Montgomery County, as the Roy W. Cornell Memorial Highway; and renaming the portion of State Route 837 in the city limits of Clairton, Allegheny County, as the Dominic P. Serapiglia Memorial Highway.

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

Section 1. The title and section 1(a) of the act of June 15, 2006 (P.L.200, No.47), entitled "An act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge," are amended to read:

AN ACT

Designating the bridge carrying State Route ~~[1025]~~ **1035** over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge~~[-]~~; *designating State Route 830 extending from Interstate 80 to the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport in Washington Township, Jefferson County, as the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway; designating the portion of U.S. 6 in Linesville Borough, Crawford County, as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the West" and "Gateway to Pennsylvania" and the portion of U.S. 6 in Matamoras Borough, Pike County, as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the East" and "Gateway to Pennsylvania"; designating the bridge on Interstate 79 crossing U.S. Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County, as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge; designating Front Street from Allegheny Avenue to Rocky Grove Avenue in the Borough of Sugarcreek, Venango County, as the Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway; designating SR 255 from SR 948, Fox Township,*

Elk County, to the former St. Mary's Borough line in Elk County as the William F. Renwick Memorial Highway; designating State Route 263 in Hatboro, Montgomery County, as the Roy W. Cornell Memorial Highway; and renaming the portion of State Route 837 in the city limits of Clairton, Allegheny County, as the Dominic P. Serapiglia Memorial Highway.

Section 1. Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge.

(a) Designation.—The bridge carrying State Route [1025] 1035 over Interstate 79 in North Strabane Township, Washington County, is designated and shall be known as the Canon-McMillan Alumni Bridge.

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Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1.1. Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway.

(a) Designation.—*State Route 830 extending from Interstate 80 to the DuBois-Jefferson County Airport in Washington Township, Jefferson County, is designated and shall be known as the Francis H. "Bud" Scherer Memorial Highway.*

(b) Signs.—*The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway designated in subsection (a) at each end of the designated road.*

Section 1.2. U.S. 6 Gateway designation.

(a) Findings.—*The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:*

(1) *Historic U.S. 6 is the longest highway ever established in the United States, stretching 3,652 miles from Provincetown on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, all the way to Long Beach Island in California.*

(2) *In October 1925, as part of a recommended 75,884-mile U.S. numbered highway system, the Joint Board on Interstate Highways proposed U.S. 6 from Provincetown, Massachusetts, through Rhode Island and Connecticut and stretching to Brewster, New York.*

(3) *By the time the debates on this system concluded and the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) approved the proposal, U.S. 6 consisted of 707 miles stretching from Provincetown to Erie, Pennsylvania. A large gap in this route (through New York) was filled in 1928.*

(4) *The historic highway began as an entity in November 1926 when the American Association of State Highway Officials adopted the Federal numbering system for marking the nation's main interstate highways.*

(5) *U.S. 6 was signed in 1926, and in the early years its western terminus was in Erie, Pennsylvania.*

(6) *In 1938 U.S. 6 was widened from Clarks Summit to Scranton and Milford to the New York State line.*

(7) *Once known as the Theodore Roosevelt Highway, U.S. 6 was formally dedicated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway at a ceremony in Long Beach, California, on May 3, 1953.*

(8) *U.S. 6 runs exactly 399.81 miles in Pennsylvania.*

(9) *With origins that predate the American Colonies, U.S. 6 has grown as the United States has grown—from the Appalachian Mountains of New York and Pennsylvania, to the Great Plains of Iowa and Nebraska, to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Utah, U.S. 6 connects big cities like Cleveland and Denver, state capitals like Providence and Des Moines and small hamlets like Nappanee, Indiana, and Ely, Nevada. These towns and regions could benefit greatly from protecting and promoting this historic resource.*

(10) *This historic transcontinental highway continues to be one of the most unique and scenic roadways in the world and is a valuable resource worth protecting and showcasing.*

(11) *Pennsylvania has authorized the U.S. 6 Heritage Corridor as the Commonwealth's twelfth heritage park, stretching through 11 northern counties.*

(12) *The corridor connects four State heritage areas and two national heritage areas, traverses through the Pocono Mountains, Endless Mountains, Allegheny Mountains, the Allegheny National Forest and two large State forest tracts, is close to at least 19 State parks and serves as an entry point for the Great Lakes Region, the Pennsylvania Northeast Mountain Region as well as the "Pennsylvania Wilds"—an initiative aimed at increasing nature-based tourism in the State's north-central counties.*

(13) *The Pennsylvania entry points, Linesville in Crawford County and Matamoras in Pike County, have long been considered as the Pennsylvania gateways to the west and east, respectively.*

(14) *Linesville, which is the 500-mile marker between New York and Chicago, is a borough located in Crawford County with a population of approximately 1,155.*

(15) *Linesville will be the future home of the National U.S. Route 6 Museum, which will highlight the impact and importance of U.S. 6 on the development of our country and will provide opportunities to educate the public on its historic and current significance.*

(16) *Matamoras is a borough located in Pike County with a population of approximately 2,312.*

(b) *Designation.—*

(1) *The portion of U.S. 6 in Linesville Borough, Crawford County, is designated as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the West" for westbound traffic and "Gateway to Pennsylvania" for eastbound traffic.*

(2) *The portion of U.S. 6 in Matamoras Borough, Pike County, is designated as the U.S. 6 "Gateway to the East" for eastbound traffic and "Gateway to Pennsylvania" for westbound traffic.*

(c) *Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall, in consultation with the Boroughs of Linesville and Matamoras, erect and maintain signs to indicate the designations under subsection (b).*

Section 1.3. Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge.

(a) *Declaration of policy.*—*The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:*

(1) *Dr. Ray F. Birchard was born in 1926 in Cambridge Springs and graduated in 1949 from New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.*

(2) *Dr. Ray F. Birchard served the public and the community as a member of the Washington Township Zoning Hearing Board from March 1979 until April 1993. He further served on the General McLane School Board and was an active member of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, the Masonic Lodge in Edinboro and countless other community and civic organizations until his death on September 7, 2006.*

(3) *Dr. Ray F. Birchard was dedicated to serving the public and the community, and he did so with distinction and a true spirit of community and family.*

(b) *Designation.*—*The bridge on Interstate 79 crossing U.S. Route 6N in Washington Township, Erie County, is hereby designated as the Dr. Ray F. Birchard Memorial Bridge.*

(c) *Signs.*—*The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under subsection (b).*

Section 1.4. Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway.

(a) *Designation.*—*Front Street, a section of State Route 4002 from Pennsylvania Routes 8 and 62 to Pennsylvania Route 417 in the village of Rocky Grove, Borough of Sugarcreek, Venango County, is designated and shall be known as the Mayor John D. McClelland Honorary Highway.*

(b) *Signs.*—*The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway designated in subsection (a) at each end of the designated road.*

Section 1.5. William F. Renwick Memorial Highway.

(a) *Findings.*—*William F. Renwick was a former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives who passed away February 28, 1981, at the age of 65. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1954 and served for 24 consecutive years until 1978. He was a leader in sportsmen's and environmental issues, a member of St. Marys Sportsmen's Club and chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of Representatives. He served as a member of St. Marys Borough Council from 1945 to 1949 and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Renwick was highly respected and admired by his constituents and colleagues as an honest and dedicated politician who was committed to the well-being of his community and the citizens of this Commonwealth.*

(b) *Designation.*—*State Route 255 from State Route 948, Fox Township, Elk County, to the former St. Marys Borough line in Elk*

County is designated and shall be known as the William F. Renwick Memorial Highway.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway designated in subsection (b) at each end of the designated highway.

Section 1.6. Roy W. Cornell Memorial Highway.

(a) Declaration of policy.—The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Roy W. Cornell was born in 1943 in Abington and graduated in 1961 from Hatboro-Horsham High School. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1978 and served this Commonwealth with distinction until his death on January 1, 2004.

(2) Roy W. Cornell served the public as a member of Hatboro Borough Council from 1972 until 1978 and served as Hatboro Borough Council President for two of those years.

(3) Roy W. Cornell was a member of the Association of Title Examiners, the Eastern Montgomery County Board of Realtors, the W.K. Bray Lodge 410, Free and Accepted Masons, the Montgomery County Boroughs Association and the Hatboro Borough Planning Commission.

(4) Roy W. Cornell was a dedicated public servant to the Borough of Hatboro and the 152nd Legislative District for over 30 years.

(b) Designation.—State Route 263 in Hatboro Borough, Montgomery County, is hereby designated as the Roy W. Cornell Memorial Highway.

(c) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs to indicate the designation under subsection (b).

Section 1.7. Dominic P. Serapiglia Memorial Highway.

(a) Renaming.—The portion of State Route 837 in the city limits of Clairton, Allegheny County, is renamed the Dominic P. Serapiglia Memorial Highway.

(b) Signs.—The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs which shall display the name of the highway renamed in subsection (a) at each end of the designated road.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The addition of section 1.1 of the act shall take effect July 31, 2007.

(2) The addition of sections 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of November, A.D. 2006.

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