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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1121 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, R. BROWN, PEIFER AND CARROLL,  
APRIL 8, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 8, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge that carries Seventh Street on State  
2 Route 611 over Interstate 80 in Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe  
3 County, as the Sheriffs Forrest B. Sebring and Todd A. Martin  
4 Bridge.

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

7 Section 1. Sheriffs Forrest B. Sebring and Todd A. Martin  
8 Bridge.

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

11 (1) Forrest B. Sebring, a Pocono Township native, served  
12 as Monroe County Sheriff for 27 years, from 1968 to 1995.  
13 Prior to serving as sheriff, Sebring served as a district  
14 judge in Stroud Township from 1962 to 1968.

15 (2) Sebring, a lifelong resident of Monroe County, died  
16 at the age of 79 in 2011.

17 (3) Sebring was a 1951 graduate of Pocono Township High  
18 School. He also was a graduate of both the FBI Academy in  
19 Virginia and the U.S. Marshals Academy in Georgia.

1           (4) Sebring and his wife, Claribel, were married in 1951  
2 and raised three children. Sebring was active in his  
3 community as a member of the Stroudsburg United Methodist  
4 Church and as a member of the Stroud Township and Pocono  
5 Township volunteer fire companies. He also was a member of  
6 the Pennsylvania Sheriffs Association and the National  
7 Sheriffs Association.

8           (5) Sebring was a mentor to Todd A. Martin, who  
9 succeeded Sebring as Monroe County Sheriff in 1995 and has  
10 served as Monroe County Sheriff for the past 18 years.

11           (6) Todd A. Martin, age 53, is a native of Glen Ridge,  
12 New Jersey. He came to Pennsylvania to attend East  
13 Stroudsburg State College in 1979 on a soccer scholarship. He  
14 graduated from East Stroudsburg State College with a degree  
15 in Criminal Justice.

16           (7) Martin joined the Monroe County Sheriff's Office as  
17 a deputy in 1982. He became Chief Deputy in 1988. That same  
18 year his heroic efforts helped save the life of a drowning  
19 boy in Stroud Township. Martin administered CPR and revived  
20 the boy. The American Red Cross recognized Martin for his  
21 actions.

22           (8) Martin has faithfully executed his duties as Monroe  
23 County Sheriff even as he has battled cancer since first  
24 being diagnosed in 2004.

25           (9) Martin and his wife, Terri, have three children.

26           (b) Designation.--The bridge that carries Seventh Street on  
27 State Route 611 in Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County, over  
28 Interstate 80 is hereby designated Sheriffs Forrest B. Sebring  
29 and Todd A. Martin Bridge.

30           (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and

- 1 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
- 2 traffic in both directions on the bridge.
- 3 Section 2. Effective date.
- 4       This act shall take effect in 60 days.