
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 492 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 13861, carrying
2 State Route 1025 over State Route 1014 in East Pennsboro
3 Township, Cumberland County, as the Senator Hal Mowery
4 Memorial Bridge; and making a related repeal.

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

7 Section 1. Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge.

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

10 (1) Harold F. Mowery, Jr., was born January 4, 1930, in
11 Chambersburg and was raised in Mechanicsburg.

12 (2) As a graduate of Mechanicsburg High School and
13 Dickinson College, Mr. Mowery was a product of the
14 Pennsylvania education system.

15 (3) Mr. Mowery entered the insurance business in 1954
16 and earned a chartered life underwriter degree. Over several
17 decades, Mr. Mowery founded multiple highly successful
18 insurance businesses that employed hundreds of
19 Pennsylvanians.

1 (4) Mr. Mowery was elected to the House of
2 Representatives in 1976 and went on to serve seven terms. In
3 the House of Representatives, Mr. Mowery achieved a
4 reputation for expertise on fiscal and pension issues and
5 advocated for the application of private-sector business
6 principles to the operation of public programs and State
7 spending. He was also instrumental in establishing the Public
8 Employee Retirement Commission.

9 (5) In 1992, Mr. Mowery was elected to represent the
10 31st District in the Senate of Pennsylvania. He served with
11 distinction until his retirement in 2004.

12 (6) During his time in the Senate, Senator Mowery
13 enriched the lives of thousands as chairperson of the former
14 Public Health and Welfare Committee and vice chairperson of
15 the Education Committee. He also served as vice chairperson
16 of the Legislative Data Processing Committee and as a rank-
17 and-file member of numerous standing committees, including
18 Banking and Insurance, Law and Justice and Labor and
19 Industry.

20 (7) During and after his public service career, Senator
21 Mowery was a prominent community leader. He supported the
22 establishment of the Camp Hill Lion Foundation to enhance
23 academic, athletic and cultural resources. He was also a
24 supporter of the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts,
25 the construction of the Grace Milliman Pollock Performing
26 Arts Center and the performing arts, including the Harrisburg
27 Symphony Orchestra. Senator Mowery aided many charities by
28 sponsoring and supporting benefits, galas and community
29 fundraisers.

30 (8) Senator Mowery's professional achievements,

1 extensive community involvement and the myriad of awards and
2 accolades he received stand as strong testimony to his
3 genuine concern for the well-being of this Commonwealth and
4 the people of the 31st Senatorial District.

5 (9) By all accounts, Senator Mowery was a loving family
6 man, a respected businessperson and a dedicated and
7 accomplished public servant worthy of emulation for
8 generations to come.

9 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key
10 13861, carrying State Route 1025 over State Route 1014 in East
11 Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, is designated as the
12 Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge.

13 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
14 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
15 traffic in both directions on the bridge and both directions on
16 the crossing route.

17 Section 2. Repeals are as follows:

18 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
19 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the designation
20 under section 1 of this act.

21 (2) The act of June 5, 2020 (P.L.244, No.31), entitled
22 "An act designating the bridge carrying State Route 1025 over
23 U.S. Route 11/15 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland
24 County, as the Senator Hal Mowery Memorial Bridge," is
25 repealed.

26 Section 3. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.