
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1156 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, MAY 7, 2018

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MAY 7, 2018

AN ACT

1 Designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 100
2 over the Schuylkill River in Pottstown Borough, Montgomery
3 County, as the Newstell Marable, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

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

6 Section 1. Newstell Marable, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

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

9 (1) Newstell Marable, Sr., was a native of Birmingham,
10 Alabama, and a graduate of Alabama A&M University.

11 (2) Mr. Marable served in the United States Army from
12 1953 through 1955.

13 (3) Mr. Marable joined and served the Pottstown NAACP
14 Branch #2288 from 1960 until his death in 2015.

15 (4) During his 30-year tenure as president of the
16 Pottstown NAACP Branch #2288, Mr. Marable handled 107
17 complaints.

18 (5) Mr. Marable was a passionate advocate for equal
19 opportunity and employment for all races and genders.

1 (6) In 1985, Mr. Marable led the combined efforts of the
2 NAACP and many churches and organizations to fight for the
3 rightful employment of two African Americans to the local
4 fire company.

5 (7) Mr. Marable was a key advocate for equality and was
6 instrumental in closing the Boyertown School District and
7 Pottsgrove School District for observance of the Martin
8 Luther King, Jr., holiday celebrations.

9 (8) Mr. Marable was a proud and longstanding member of
10 the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Pottstown where he served on
11 multiple boards and held many positions.

12 (b) Designation.--The bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania
13 Route 100 over the Schuylkill River in Pottstown Borough,
14 Montgomery County, is designated as the Newstell Marable, Sr.,
15 Memorial Bridge.

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

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.