

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1639 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, COX, FREEMAN, THOMAS, BOBACK, HILL-
 EVANS, CAUSER, SAINATO, RYAN, KNOWLES, PICKETT, HEFFLEY,
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 BURNS, WEBSTER, MILLARD, MALONEY, STAATS, STEPHENS, DRISCOLL,
 WARREN, FARRY AND CIRESI, JUNE 15, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 15, 2021

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 113 from its
 2 intersection with Schoolhouse Road, in Franconia Township,
 3 Montgomery County, and State Route 4027, also known as County
 4 Line Road, in Souderton Borough, Montgomery County, as the
 5 Honorable Robert W. Godshall Memorial Highway.

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

8 Section 1. Honorable Robert W. Godshall Memorial Highway.

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

11 (1) Robert W. Godshall was born May 15, 1933, in
 12 Souderton, Montgomery County, and lived on the same farm for
 13 his entire life.

14 (2) Mr. Godshall graduated from Souderton High School in
 15 1951 and from Juniata College in 1955 with a bachelor of
 16 science degree in business administration.

17 (3) Mr. Godshall later attended graduate school at The
 18 Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania until called

1 home to help run the family's poultry farm due to his
2 father's poor health.

3 (4) Mr. Godshall became and continued on as president of
4 Godshall's Hatchery until 1990.

5 (5) In 1962, Mr. Godshall began a 32-year tenure as a
6 Republican committeeman serving as area leader from 1970
7 until his death.

8 (6) In 1963, Mr. Godshall was elected to the Souderton
9 Area School Board and served until 1980.

10 (7) Mr. Godshall also served as the Montgomery County
11 Open Space director from 1975 to 1979, and as Montgomery
12 County controller from 1980 to 1983 where he oversaw the
13 county's pension fund.

14 (8) In 1982, Mr. Godshall was elected to the
15 Pennsylvania House of Representatives where he served the
16 53rd Legislative District for 36 years until retirement in
17 2018.

18 (9) Of Mr. Godshall's many accomplishments, several
19 stood out as points of pride for him, including the
20 construction of the Point Pleasant Pumping Station, the
21 development of the National Constitution Center where he
22 served on the board of directors for 12 years and several
23 legislation successes, including the 2017 enactment of his
24 Right to Try legislation, legislation phasing in electric
25 rate increases after rate caps were lifted, protecting those
26 on fixed incomes and his work on medical malpractice
27 regulations.

28 (10) In 2011, Mr. Godshall received the American Hero
29 Award from the National Kidney Registry for his
30 groundbreaking legislation on behalf of organ donors.

1 (11) On November 24, 2019, Robert Godshall passed away
2 at the age of 86.

3 (b) Designation.--The section of Pennsylvania Route 113 from
4 its intersection with Schoolhouse Road, in Franconia Township,
5 Montgomery County, and State Route 4027, also known as County
6 Line Road, in Souderton Borough, Montgomery County, is
7 designated as the Honorable Robert W. Godshall Memorial Highway.

8 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
9 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
10 traffic in both directions on the highway.

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 60 days.