

No. 2013-58

AN ACT

HB 1121

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A.D. 2013

TOM CORBETT