

No. 2014-17

AN ACT

SB 1097

Designating a portion of State Route 4007 in the Borough of Indiana, Indiana County, as the James Nance Memorial Highway.

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

Section 1. James Nance Memorial Highway.

(a) Findings.—

(1) A native of Indiana, Pennsylvania, James Nance was an outstanding athlete in two sports, wrestling and football.

(2) As a wrestler, Mr. Nance won two PIAA heavyweight championships in 1960 and 1961 while at Indiana High School and two NCAA unlimited titles at Syracuse University in 1963 and 1965. Mr. Nance was inducted into the Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1981.

(3) On the football field, Mr. Nance led Syracuse to the Sugar Bowl and earned All-America honors. As a college senior, he was named Syracuse University's Athlete of the Year.

(4) In a professional football career that spanned four teams in three leagues, the American Football League, the National Football League and the World Football League, Mr. Nance gained over 7,000 yards and averaged better than four yards per carry in his 10-year career.

(5) While playing for the Boston Patriots, Mr. Nance became the only AFL player ever to rush for more than 1,400 yards in a season. Mr. Nance was an American Football League All-Star in 1966, when he also received the league's Most Valuable Player award, and was an All-Star again in 1967 when he became the only AFL player to have consecutive seasons with over 1,000 yards, this time 1,216 yards.

(6) Mr. Nance concluded his professional football career in 1975 with 7,408 yards and 61 touchdowns. He was inducted into the Patriots' Hall of Fame in 2009.

(b) Designation.—The section of State Route 4007 in the Borough of Indiana, Indiana County, from Philadelphia Street to North Fourth Street is hereby designated the James Nance Memorial Highway.

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

Section 2. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 25th day of February, A.D. 2014

TOM CORBETT