

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1342 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, OCTOBER 2, 2020

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 2, 2020

AN ACT

1 Designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659, carrying  
 2 State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue, over the  
 3 Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail lines  
 4 in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Reverend  
 5 Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

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

8 Section 1. The Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

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

11 (1) The Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., was born on  
 12 July 30, 1926, in Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, where he  
 13 attended elementary school and high school.

14 (2) After completing the pre-medicine program at Xavier  
 15 University, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Reverend Tilly studied  
 16 science in the graduate program at the University of New  
 17 Mexico.

18 (3) Before completing his studies at the University of  
 19 New Mexico, Reverend Tilly entered the United States Army,  
 20 attending the Brooke Army School of Medical Technology at

1 Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

2 (4) An Army Sergeant, Reverend Tilly served proudly in  
3 World War II with the F Company, 85th Infantry, at Fort  
4 Riley, Kansas.

5 (5) Upon receiving his doctor of divinity degree from  
6 Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, Reverend Tilly  
7 was ordained a Baptist minister.

8 (6) Prior to moving to Johnstown, Reverend Tilly was an  
9 associate pastor of Vine Memorial Baptist Church in  
10 Philadelphia.

11 (7) Beginning in 1965, Reverend Tilly pastored the  
12 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Johnstown for 47 years.

13 (8) Reverend Tilly profoundly changed the greater  
14 Johnstown area in the most positive way.

15 (9) Reverend Tilly established the Pleasant Hill Baptist  
16 Youth Fellowship, which mentored children on Christian  
17 education, values, self-esteem, American citizenship, self-  
18 responsibility, love and respect for others.

19 (10) In 1968, Reverend Tilly established the Pleasant  
20 Hill Baptist Church Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
21 Memorial Day, one of the longest-running celebrations of Dr.  
22 King's legacy in Pennsylvania.

23 (11) Reverend Tilly, a faculty member at the University  
24 of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, recruited hundreds of  
25 disadvantaged students across Pennsylvania, giving them an  
26 opportunity for a college education.

27 (12) Reverend Tilly ordained dozens of reverends and  
28 deacons and was honored by the Pennsylvania and National  
29 Baptist Conventions for outstanding service.

30 (13) Reverend Tilly is respected in greater Johnstown

1 for his beautiful deeds and his greeting every Sunday for  
2 over 40 years to the congregation, "The wages of sin is death  
3 but the gift of God is eternal life."

4 (14) Reverend Tilly died on July 13, 2020, in  
5 Philadelphia.

6 (b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8659,  
7 carrying State Route 3037, also known as William Penn Avenue,  
8 over the Norfolk Southern and Lehigh Valley Rail Management rail  
9 lines in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, is designated  
10 the Reverend Andrew William Tilly, Jr., Bridge.

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

14 Section 2. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 60 days.