

CHAPTER 156

AN ACT designating the bridge over the Raritan River carrying southbound United States Highway Route No. 1 between Edison Township and New Brunswick City as the "Donald Goodkind Bridge," and making an appropriation.

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind has had a life-long involvement in the planning and development of New Jersey's transportation system, helping New Jersey gain recognition as having built its projects to the highest engineering standards; and

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind is a native of New Brunswick and has been active in public service to the people of New Jersey, including serving as Assistant Commissioner for Highways of the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind played a major role in developing New Jersey's transportation systems, including highways, bridges and mass transit, from hands-on engineering and design of major roadways such as the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway and many of our interstate highways, as well as the PATCO high speed rail line, to supervising operators of the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind followed in the footsteps of his father, Morris, who served the State for over 30 years as the State's Chief Bridge Engineer and who was responsible for the building of structures such as the Pulaski Skyway and the former College Bridge over the Raritan River; and

WHEREAS, The College Bridge, which carries United States Highway Route No. 1 northbound over the Raritan River between New Brunswick City and Edison Township, is a renowned engineering structure, and was renamed the "Morris Goodkind Bridge" in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind designed the unnamed newer adjacent span which carries southbound traffic and preserves the views and sight lines of the Morris Goodkind Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Donald Goodkind is a highly respected member of the engineering profession, and among other things was nominated for "Construction Man of the Year" in Engineering News Record, was the co-founder and former President of the New Jersey Consulting Engineers Council, is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is a former trustee of the New Jersey Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, In tribute to Donald Goodkind and to perpetuate his and his father's traditions of service to the engineering profession and to the State of New Jersey, it is fitting and proper that the bridge over the Raritan River carrying southbound United States Highway Route No. 1 between Edison Township and New Brunswick City, which is presently unnamed, be designated as the "Donald Goodkind Bridge;" now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall designate the bridge over the Raritan River carrying southbound United States Highway Route No. 1 between Edison Township and New Brunswick City as the "Donald Goodkind Bridge."

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund, for the purposes of implementing section 1 of this act, \$2,500 to the Department of Transportation for the costs of appropriate signs in accordance with section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved November 15, 2004.