

CHAPTER 30

AN ACT designating State Highway Route No. 71 bridge between the Borough of Belmar and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea as the “Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Bridge.”

WHEREAS, Robert A. Briant, Sr., a lifelong resident of New Jersey and for many years a resident of Manasquan, served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey (UTCA) for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Briant’s leadership, the UTCA grew in the number of member firms as well as prominence within the industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briant served on various State committees and worked closely with New Jersey’s congressional delegation concerning bond issuances in the areas of wastewater, water supply, transportation, flood control, green acres, and hazardous remediation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briant served on a State advisory committee that assisted the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection in administering wastewater grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briant also served as Chairman of the Construction Grants Delegation Committee of the Department of Environmental Protection, which developed the transitional procedure for final approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for State management of wastewater grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Briant worked closely with Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert Hughey in creating the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, later serving as Chairman of the trust for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life and career, Mr. Briant tirelessly worked to improve the infrastructure of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to honor the life and work of Robert A. Briant, Sr. by designating the State Highway Route No. 71 bridge between the Borough of Belmar and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea as the “Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Bridge”; now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the State Highway Route No. 71 bridge between the Borough of Belmar and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea as the “Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Bridge,” and erect appropriate signs bearing this name.

2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources, including but not limited to nongovernmental non-profit, educational, or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 1, 2014.