

CHAPTER 115

AN ACT designating a portion of State Highway Route 44 in the Borough of Paulsboro as the “John D. Burzichelli Bridge.”

WHEREAS, The Honorable John D. Burzichelli was born on August 1, 1934 and is a life-long resident of the Borough of Paulsboro, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Burzichelli attended Paulsboro High School, where he graduated in 1951 and met his wife, Dolores (Salvatore) Burzichelli with whom he raised four sons; and

WHEREAS, As a pillar of the community in Gloucester County, Mayor Burzichelli has provided his hometown with a lifetime of public service, serving in numerous public offices, including as a member of the Billingsport Volunteer Fire Association, where he served since 1955 in various officer capacities, including captain, the Gloucester County Utilities Authority, the Gloucester County Mosquito Commission, the Paulsboro Board of Education, and the Borough Council for the Borough of Paulsboro, and as Mayor of the Borough of Paulsboro; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Burzichelli was elected to the Borough Council for the Borough of Paulsboro in 1964, where he served a three-year term, two of which were as Council President; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Burzichelli was elected Mayor of the Borough of Paulsboro in 1975, where he served four consecutive terms as mayor, serving for a total of 16 years, making him the longest serving Mayor of the Borough of Paulsboro in the borough’s history to date; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor of the Borough of Paulsboro, Mayor Burzichelli served as President of the Gloucester County Mayor’s Association in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Following his service as Mayor, Mayor Burzichelli served for eight years on the Paulsboro Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, With an unwavering devotion to the residents of the Borough of Paulsboro and Gloucester County, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature to honor the public service career of Mayor John D. Burzichelli by designating the portion of State Highway Route No. 44 over the Mantua Creek as the “John D. Burzichelli 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 portion of State Highway Route 44, extending from milepost 6.25 to milepost 6.35, in the Borough of Paulsboro as the “John D. Burzichelli Bridge” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and dedication.

2. State or other public funds shall not 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 private sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit, educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work shall not proceed and funding shall not 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 July 13, 2017.