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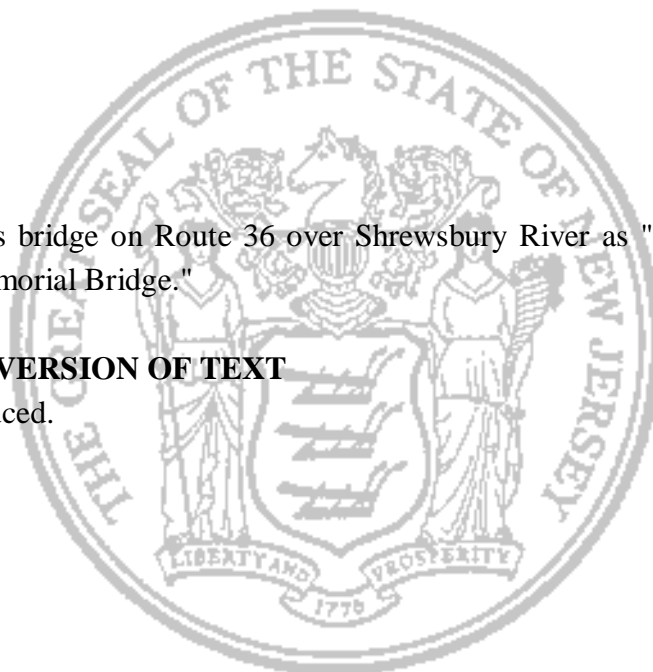
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SYNOPSIS

Designates bridge on Route 36 over Shrewsbury River as "Captain Joseph Azzolina Memorial Bridge."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the bridge over the Shrewsbury River in
2 Monmouth County on State Highway Route No. 36 as the
3 "Captain Joseph Azzolina Memorial Bridge."
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5 WHEREAS, Joseph Azzolina, a resident of Monmouth County, passed
6 away on April 15, 2010 at the age of eighty-four; and
7 WHEREAS, Joseph Azzolina was born in Newark, New Jersey, joined
8 the Navy in 1944 at age 18, was enrolled in ROTC at Drew
9 University, and later graduated from Holy Cross College; and
10 WHEREAS, Joseph Azzolina in the course of his Navy career attended
11 both the National and Naval War colleges, and later completed
12 graduate work at New York University in Business Administration;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, Joseph Azzolina served his country as a member of the
15 United States Navy and Navy Reserves for forty-two years,
16 including serving in the occupation forces in Europe following
17 World War II and in combat during the Korean War, and during the
18 Beirut Crisis in Lebanon in 1983, before his retirement as Captain,
19 earning in his service career three Meritorious Service Medals, the
20 Navy Commendation Medal, and numerous other awards and
21 honors; and
22 WHEREAS, Captain Azzolina in civilian life had notable achievements
23 as a businessman, as the founder, president, chairman, and C.E.O.
24 of Food Circus Supermarkets, Inc., known for its generous
25 donations of food to local charities; and
26 WHEREAS, As a respected resident of Middletown, Monmouth
27 County, Captain Azzolina served in many community and
28 philanthropic capacities with characteristic spirit, enthusiasm, and
29 kindness, while also engaging in the political life of this State,
30 serving as a member of General Assembly from 1965 until
31 becoming a member of the New Jersey Senate from 1972 to 1974,
32 and returning to the General Assembly from 1986 to 1988 and from
33 1992 to 2006; and
34 WHEREAS, Captain Azzolina displayed a life-long commitment to
35 community and State service and to the United States Navy, not
36 only serving as a member of the Legislature, and of numerous
37 groups and organizations, but also engaging in tireless efforts to
38 bring the Battleship New Jersey out of retirement, and succeeding
39 in his campaign to open that battleship to the public for tours and
40 inspection on the Camden Waterfront; and
41 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for Captain Azzolina to be
42 remembered by the dedication of a bridge to his memory in his
43 beloved Monmouth County; now, therefore,
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45 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
46 of New Jersey:

1 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the
2 bridge over the Shrewsbury River in Monmouth County on State
3 Highway Route No. 36 as the "Captain Joseph Azzolina Memorial
4 Bridge."

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6 2. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to erect
7 appropriate route and directional signs bearing this name.

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

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25 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill designates the bridge over the Shrewsbury River in
31 Monmouth County on State Highway No. 36 as the "Captain Joseph
32 Azzolina Memorial Bridge," in recognition of the life and work of
33 Joseph Azzolina who served with distinction in the United States
34 Navy and Navy Reserves, as a successful businessman, and as an
35 esteemed member of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly.