

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60**

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2 (By Senators Palumbo, Foster, McCabe, Wells, Chafin, Browning,  
3 Jenkins, Kessler (Acting President), Unger, Fanning, Plymale and  
4 Boley)

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7 Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 20-60/63-  
8 0.11, which crosses the Kanawha River and connects Interstate  
9 64-eastbound/77-southbound at Exit 98 with Kanawha City at  
10 35th Street in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia,  
11 commonly known as the 35th Street Interstate Bridge, the  
12 "Kaufman Memorial 35th Street Bridge".

13 Whereas, The Kaufman Memorial 35th Street Bridge would honor  
14 three Charlestonians, all members of the same family who were born  
15 and raised and lived their entire lives in Charleston not far from  
16 this bridge; and

17 Whereas, All three Kaufman family members, Paul Joseph Kaufman  
18 (age 60), Rose Jean ("R.J.") Kaufman (age 52) and Steven Miles  
19 Kaufman (age 20), were tragically killed by a drunk driver on  
20 December 28, 1980 in the prime of their lives; and

21 Whereas, Paul J. Kaufman served as a West Virginia State  
22 Senator from 1960 until 1968 and was widely considered an effective  
23 people-oriented legislator, sponsoring such legislation as the West  
24 Virginia Human Rights Act, tax reform, providing free textbooks to  
25 school children, one person one vote legislative representation,

1 improved and expanded health care, West Virginia's first pollution  
2 control law, the repeal of capital punishment, repeal of certain  
3 Sunday Blue Laws, sponsorship of the first West Virginia Arts and  
4 Humanities Commission, and support of civil service for all state  
5 government employees; and

6       Whereas, In 1968, Paul J. Kaufman was defeated in a bid for  
7 Governor of West Virginia, but was subsequently elected as a  
8 delegate to his first of three Democratic National Conventions; and

9       Whereas, In 1951, Paul J. Kaufman launched the first legal aid  
10 office for the poor in West Virginia on a volunteer basis, which  
11 grew from a small privately financed beginning to publicly financed  
12 legal services offices throughout the state; and

13       Whereas, In 1969, Paul J. Kaufman organized a regional public  
14 interest, consumer-oriented law firm, the Appalachian Research and  
15 Defense Fund, in Kentucky and West Virginia, which he directed  
16 until 1973, when he resumed the private practice of law in  
17 Charleston; and

18       Whereas, Paul J. Kaufman was a regionally and nationally  
19 published author, founder of the first Appalachian Land Festival,  
20 and counsel to West Virginia coal miners in 1969, resulting in  
21 passage of the first Black Lung Compensation Law in West Virginia,  
22 and subsequently the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Law; and

23       Whereas, Rose Jean ("R.J.") Kaufman was a strong feminist, a  
24 fierce civil rights advocate of long standing, and a labor  
25 organizer in higher education who also had written articles for

1 publication; and

2       Whereas, R.J. Kaufman had a life-long career in the fields of  
3 social work, health and education, and also served on the boards of  
4 a number of charitable and civic organizations, including serving  
5 as an early member of the Women's Health Center Board, becoming an  
6 early proponent of Kanawha-Valley Hospice, and serving as the only  
7 Caucasian Board member of the Mattie V. Lee Home at the time of her  
8 death; and

9       Whereas, Opera and ballet were R.J. Kaufman's favorite  
10 spectator sports; and

11       Whereas, R.J. and Paul J. Kaufman were married for thirty  
12 years at the time of their untimely deaths; and

13       Whereas, Steven Miles Kaufman was in the upward trajectory of  
14 his life when he was killed with his parents; and

15       Whereas, Steven Miles Kaufman, like his beloved parents,  
16 attended elementary school, junior high school, and high school in  
17 the public schools of Kanawha County; and

18       Whereas, Steven Miles Kaufman was a lanky, tall,  
19 student/athlete, playing basketball, running distances and mountain  
20 climbing at the end of the first semester of his sophomore year  
21 studying premed at Tufts University when he was killed while  
22 visiting at home over the winter break; and

23       Whereas, Paul Joseph, Rose Jean and Steven Miles Kaufman were  
24 buried along side each other, less than a mile from this bridge and  
25 the hospital where Steven Miles Kaufman was born; and

1           Whereas, The lives of Paul Joseph, Rose Jean and Steven Miles  
2 Kaufman shall be recognized and honored; therefore, be it

3           *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

4           That the Division of Highways name bridge number 20-60/63-  
5 0.11, which crosses the Kanawha River and connects Interstate 64-  
6 eastbound/77-southbound at Exit 98 with Kanawha City at 35th Street  
7 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, commonly known as the  
8 35th Street Interstate Bridge, the "Kaufman Memorial 35th Street  
9 Bridge"; and, be it

10          *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby  
11 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge  
12 as the "Kaufman Memorial 35th Street Bridge"; and, be it

13          *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby  
14 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of  
15 Transportation, the Commissioner of Highways and the family of Paul  
16 Joseph, Rose Jean and Steven Miles Kaufman.