

HOUSE No. 5503

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan D. Zlotnik

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>5/20/2026</i>

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By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate a certain bridge over state highway Route 140 in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. bridge. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation project number 609108
2 for the construction of a bike path bridge over state highway route 140 that provides a crossing
3 and links the existing bike path of the North Central Pathway in the City of Gardner, shall be
4 designated and known as the Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr. Bridge, in honor and recognition
5 of former State Representative Robert L. Rice, Jr.

6 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall erect a suitable
7 marker bearing the designation in compliance with the standards of the department.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.