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**PATTON ANNOUNCES PASSAGE OF BILL NAMING NEW I-90 BRIDGE
AFTER GEORGE VOINOVICH**

COLUMBUS— State Senator Tom Patton (R- Strongsville) announced that the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 132 on Wednesday, legislation he introduced that would designate the new I-90 bridge spanning the Cuyahoga River as the “George V. Voinovich Bridge.” The bridge, commonly referred to as the Innerbelt Bridge, is a vital link into downtown Cleveland. Construction of a new bridge began earlier this year and is scheduled to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017.

“George Voinovich has spent decades serving the people of Ohio at all levels of government, and I cannot think of a statesman or servant to the state of Ohio that is more deserving of this high honor,” Patton said.

Voinovich served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1967-1971, as Cuyahoga County Auditor from 1971-1976, on the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners from 1977-1978, was elected lt. governor under Governor Rhodes in 1978. He also served as mayor of Cleveland from 1979-1989, governor of Ohio from 1991-1998, and as United States Senator from 1999-2011.

Senate Bill 132 now moves to the Ohio House for further consideration.