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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Governmental Operations

AN ACT designating state owned lands, located in the hamlet of Westhampton, town of Southampton, county of Suffolk, under the jurisdiction of the state department of environmental conservation, as the Edwin M. Schwenk Memorial Nature Preserve

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature hereby finds that  
2     Edwin M. Schwenk has given many years of dedicated public service to the  
3     people of Long Island including major initiatives to protect environ-  
4     mentally sensitive land and open spaces.  
5     In 1993, Edwin Schwenk was directly involved with the creation of the  
6     Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act. This legislation created the  
7     third largest land preserve in the state of New York and ended years of  
8     expensive litigation for the building industry while protecting, in  
9     perpetuity, a sole source aquifer.  
10    Edwin Schwenk also helped to spearhead the passage of the Peconic Bay  
11    Regional Community Preservation Act which established a two percent  
12    transfer tax on real estate sales to preserve open space and recreation  
13    land on the East End of Long Island.  
14    Edwin Schwenk passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The dedi-  
15    cation of this parcel of land located within the Long Island Pine  
16    Barrens in his name will memorialize his incredible advocacy for his  
17    community and his unyielding commitment to protecting Long Island's  
18    precious environmental resources.  
19    S 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the approx-  
20    imately 154.3 acres of state land, under the jurisdiction of the state  
21    department of environmental conservation, located at Westhampton, county  
22    of Suffolk, formerly known as the W.J.F. Realty property, also identi-  
23    fied as Suffolk County Tax Map parcels: 0900-217-1-4; 0900-216-1-25;  
24    0900-217-2-16, 0900-217-1-1, shall be known as the Edwin M. Schwenk  
25    Memorial Nature Preserve. Said preserve shall be suitably marked in a  
26    manner to be prescribed by the commissioner of the department of envi-  
27    ronmental conservation.  
28    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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