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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the highway law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to renaming the Staten Island Expressway the "POW-MIA Memorial Highway"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the official
2 name of all that portion of the state highway system located in Richmond
3 county constituting route 440 from Outerbridge Crossing to route 278
4 (West Shore Expressway) and route 278 from the Goethals bridge to the
5 Verrazano-Narrows bridge (Staten Island Expressway) shall be the
6 "POW-MIA Memorial Highway", as such highway is designated in section
7 343-h of the highway law.
- 8 § 2. The paragraph relating to interstate route connection 512 of
9 section 340-a of the highway law, as amended by chapter 288 of the laws
10 of 2018, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 Interstate Route Connection 512. [~~Staten Island expressway~~] POW-MIA
12 Memorial Highway from Goethals bridge approach to Verrazzano-Narrows
13 bridge approach, Brooklyn-Queens expressway from Verrazzano-Narrows
14 bridge approach to Grand Central parkway, Grand Central parkway from
15 Brooklyn-Queens expressway to Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach, Major
16 Deegan expressway from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to the West-
17 chester county line connecting with interstate route 502.
- 18 § 3. Section 343-a of the highway law, as added by chapter 110 of the
19 laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 § 343-a. Portion of state highway system in the county of Richmond to
21 be designated as "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Parkway". All that
22 portion of the state highway system in the county of Richmond constitut-
23 ing the Richmond Parkway from [~~Staten Island Expressway~~] POW-MIA Memori-

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

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1 al Highway to Outerbridge Crossing Approach shall be designated and
2 known as "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Parkway".

3 § 4. Section 349-f of the highway law, as amended by chapter 288 of
4 the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 349-f. New York city routes. The following existing or proposed main
6 routes or thoroughfares, are designated herein, as aforesaid, viz.:

7 New England thruway from the Westchester county line to Bruckner
8 expressway; Bruckner expressway from New England thruway to Robert F.
9 Kennedy bridge approach; Hutchinson river parkway from the Westchester
10 county line to the Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Bronx river parkway
11 from the Westchester county line to Bruckner expressway; Henry Hudson
12 parkway from the Westchester county line to Miller highway excepting the
13 Henry Hudson bridge, provided that no portion of this route from West
14 Seventy-second street to the Cross Bronx expressway shall be constructed
15 or reconstructed so as to encroach in any way on or over any land mapped
16 or used for park purposes except for such temporary encroachment of no
17 more than ten feet in width from seventy-third street to seventy-sixth
18 street as may be essential during and for the purpose of reconstruction
19 or repair of the existing roadway following which there shall be full
20 restoration of park land; Major Deegan expressway from the Robert F.
21 Kennedy bridge to Central Park avenue at the Westchester county line
22 together with a connection to Broadway and along Broadway to Manhattan
23 college parkway; Cross Bronx expressway from George Washington bridge
24 approach to Throgs Neck bridge; Throgs Neck expressway from Bruckner
25 expressway to Throgs Neck bridge; Arthur V. Sheridan expressway from
26 Cross-Bronx expressway to Bruckner expressway; Mosholu parkway from
27 Henry Hudson parkway to Bronx river parkway; Bronx and Pelham parkway
28 from Bronx river parkway to New England thruway; Boston road from Bronx
29 and Pelham parkway to New England thruway; Miller highway from Henry
30 Hudson parkway to the Hugh L. Carey tunnel; and from Hugh L. Carey
31 tunnel to Brooklyn-Queens expressway; Franklin D. Roosevelt drive from
32 the Hugh L. Carey tunnel to Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach; Harlem
33 river drive from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to George Washington
34 bridge approach; Belt parkway including Gowanus parkway to Third avenue
35 and Sixtieth street, Leif Erikson drive to Knapp street, Shore parkway,
36 Belt parkway, Southern parkway and Cross Island parkway from Hugh L.
37 Carey tunnel to Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach; Nassau expressway from
38 Southern parkway to the Nassau county line; Brooklyn-Queens expressway
39 from Gowanus expressway to Grand Central parkway; Prospect expressway
40 from Gowanus expressway to Ocean parkway; Ocean parkway from Prospect
41 expressway to Shore parkway; Interborough parkway from Grand Central
42 Parkway to Belt parkway; Gowanus expressway from the Verrazzano-Narrows
43 bridge to Third avenue at Gowanus parkway; Third Avenue from Gowanus
44 expressway to Hamilton avenue; Hamilton Avenue from Third Avenue to Hugh
45 L. Carey tunnel; Queens boulevard from Queensborough bridge approach to
46 Van Wyck expressway; Van Wyck expressway from Whitestone expressway,
47 including a connection to Grand Central parkway, to John F. Kennedy
48 international airport; Woodhaven boulevard from Queens boulevard to
49 Cross Bay parkway bridge northerly approach; Cross Bay parkway from
50 Cross Bay bridge southerly approach to Short Front parkway; Shore Front
51 parkway from Cross Bay parkway generally along the shore line of the
52 Atlantic ocean to the Nassau expressway at the Nassau county line;
53 Queens-Midtown expressway from Queens-Midtown tunnel approach to Queens
54 Boulevard; Horace Harding expressway from Queens Boulevard to the Nassau
55 county line; a connection between Brooklyn-Queens expressway and North-
56 ern boulevard in the vicinity of Grand Central parkway; Grand Central

1 parkway from Robert F. Kennedy bridge approach to Nassau county line;
2 Whitestone expressway from Bronx-Whitestone bridge approach to Van Wyck
3 expressway and continuing to Grand Central parkway; Clearview expressway
4 from Throgs Neck bridge to Nassau expressway; Richmond parkway from
5 [~~Staten Island expressway~~] POW-MIA Memorial Highway to Outerbridge
6 crossing approach; [~~Staten Island expressway~~] POW-MIA Memorial Highway
7 from Goethals bridge to the Verrazzano-Narrows bridge with a connection
8 to Bayonne bridge; Willowbrook parkway from [~~Staten Island expressway~~]
9 POW-MIA Memorial Highway to Great Kills park; West Shore expressway from
10 [~~Staten Island expressway~~] POW-MIA Memorial Highway to Outerbridge
11 crossing; Shore Front drive northerly from the terminus of West Shore
12 expressway at [~~Staten Island expressway~~] POW-MIA Memorial Highway,
13 thence generally along the shore lines of Kill Van Kull, the Narrows,
14 Lower New York bay and Raritan bay to the approach to Outerbridge cross-
15 ing.

16 § 5. The closing paragraph of subclause (C) of clause (i) of subpara-
17 graph (a) of paragraph 8 of subdivision d of section 11-243 of the
18 administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law
19 number 41 of the city of New York for the year 1988, is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 FOX HILLS--The area bounded by Vanderbilt Avenue; the Upper New York
22 Bay; the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railway right of way; and, the
23 [~~Staten Island Expressway~~] POW-MIA Memorial Highway.

24 § 6. The commissioner of transportation shall provide for the instal-
25 lation and maintenance of adequate signing of the state highway system
26 as designated pursuant to section one of this act.

27 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately.