§ 356-b. Thruway to be designated as a section of a national network of Blue Star memorial highways. The thruway sections and connections constructed as provided in section three hundred fifty-six, collectively, shall be designated, in addition to any official name, as the New York state section of a national network of Blue Star memorial highways as a living memorial and tribute to those men and women who served in the nation's armed forces in world wars I and II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam conflict, the Grenadan conflict, the Lebanese conflicts, the Panamanian conflict and the Persian Gulf War known as Operation Desert Shield - Operation Desert Storm.