

SENATE, No. 470

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Designates portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in Township of Howell as “State Trooper Marc K. Castellano Memorial Highway.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT designating the portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in
2 the Township of Howell as the “State Trooper Marc K.
3 Castellano Memorial Highway.”
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5 WHEREAS, State Trooper Marc K. Castellano was an extraordinary
6 public servant who served the people of New Jersey as a member of
7 the New Jersey State Police; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in the Township of Lakewood, raised in the
9 Township of Jackson, and ultimately residing in the Township of
10 Howell, State Trooper Castellano was a life-long resident of New
11 Jersey; and

12 WHEREAS, State Trooper Castellano graduated from Jackson
13 Memorial High School in 1998, where he was a captain of the
14 football team and was awarded a scholarship from the New Jersey
15 State Policemen’s Benevolent Association; and

16 WHEREAS, State Trooper Castellano earned an associate degree from
17 Ocean County College in 2000, a bachelor of science degree from
18 Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey in 2003, and a master’s
19 degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, An honorable and courageous man who loved serving
21 others and his State, State Trooper Castellano earned a place in the
22 136th class of the New Jersey State Police Academy; and

23 WHEREAS, After graduating from the New Jersey State Police
24 Academy on September 24, 2004, State Trooper Castellano was
25 assigned to Troop “C,” where he served on the Tactical Patrol Unit
26 until his death; and

27 WHEREAS, On June 6, 2010, State Trooper Castellano tragically lost
28 his life when he was struck by a motorist while investigating
29 allegations of an armed assailant that was connected to an ongoing
30 investigation following a high speed chase and the abandonment of
31 a vehicle on Interstate Highway Route 195 near the ramp to exit 31
32 in the Township of Howell; and

33 WHEREAS, State Trooper Castellano was a dedicated member of the
34 New Jersey State Police as well as a loving husband, father, son,
35 and brother whose memory will live on in the hearts of his family,
36 friends, and fellow State Troopers; and

37 WHEREAS, State Trooper Castellano’s life and service, which has been
38 characterized by fearless performance of his duty and honorable
39 devotion to the principles of the New Jersey State Police, have
40 inspired the establishment of the “The Marc Castellano Fund,”
41 which honors the memory of State Trooper Castellano and other
42 fallen New Jersey State Troopers by raising money to award
43 college scholarships and provide assistance to the families of fallen
44 New Jersey State Troopers; and

45 WHEREAS, As a true example of leadership and service to the State, it
46 is fitting and proper for the Legislature of the State of New Jersey
47 to honor the memory of State Trooper Marc K. Castellano by
48 designating the portion of Interstate Highway Route 195 in the

1 Township of Howell as the “State Trooper Marc K. Castellano
2 Memorial Highway”; now, therefore,

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the
8 portion of Interstate Highway Route 195, extending from milepost
9 25.63 to milepost 32.21, in the Township of Howell as the “State
10 Trooper Marc K. Castellano Memorial Highway” and erect
11 appropriate signs bearing this designation and dedication.

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13 2. State or other public funds shall not be used for producing,
14 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established
15 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of
16 Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other
17 financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding
18 or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs
19 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining
20 signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of
21 this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with private
22 sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit,
23 educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work shall not
24 proceed and funding shall not be accepted by the Department of
25 Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a
26 responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing,
27 purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill designates the portion of Interstate Highway Route 195
35 in the Township of Howell as the “State Trooper Marc K.
36 Castellano Memorial Highway” to honor the memory of State
37 Trooper Marc K. Castellano, who was tragically killed in a motor
38 vehicle accident while investigating an incident on Interstate
39 Highway Route 195 in Howell.

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41 This State designation is to designate the portion of Interstate
42 Highway Route 195 in Howell in honor of State Trooper Castellano
43 without removing the federal designation from the entire length of
44 Interstate Highway Route 195. Consistent with Department of
45 Transportation policy and other road designations, the bill provides
46 that State or other public funds are not to be used for producing,
47 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation for the “State
48 Trooper Marc K. Castellano Memorial Highway.” The
Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive financial

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- 1 assistance from private sources for the costs associated with
- 2 producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining signs bearing the
- 3 designation.