

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 33

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

By Senators SCHLUTER and LITTELL

- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating that portion of State Highway
2 Route No.57 located in the township of Mansfield, Warren County,
3 as the "Admiral John D. Bulkeley Memorial Highway."
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Admiral John D. Bulkeley who passed away on April 6,
6 1996, at the age of 84, was a nationally recognized military hero,
7 with a long and distinguished record of service in the Navy that
8 included combat service in two wars and a bewildering variety of
9 other meritorious service; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, A pioneer in patrol torpedo (PT) boat tactics, Bulkeley's
11 outstanding exploits during World War II included the defense of
12 the Philippines during the beginning of the war in the Pacific
13 Theater, involving a series of stunning attacks on Japanese shipping
14 with the legendary Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Three, which he
15 commanded, and with which he accomplished the daring rescue of
16 General Douglas MacArthur and his staff from the Philippines as
17 the islands fell to the Japanese; and
- 18 **WHEREAS**, In recognition of his valiant efforts during the early stages
19 of the war in the Pacific, President Roosevelt decorated Bulkeley
20 with the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest
21 military award, and one of more than two dozen combat
22 decorations, citations, service awards and campaign medals
23 received from the United States and from foreign nations during his
24 extraordinary military career; and
- 25 **WHEREAS**, After serving in several Pacific Theater operations,
26 Bulkeley was called to England where he further distinguished
27 himself through his contributions to the D-Day invasion of German-
28 occupied France on June 6, 1944; and
- 29 **WHEREAS**, Admiral Bulkeley saw additional wartime action as a ship
30 commander during the Korean War at the Inchon landings, and
31 thereafter served some ten years later as commander of the
32 Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba during the 1960's where he
33 successfully confronted Fidel Castro over the issue of potable water
34 for the base; and
- 35 **WHEREAS**, In addition to receiving the nation's highest military award,
36 the Medal of Honor, Admiral Bulkeley's other distinguished military
37 decorations included the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Service

1 Crosses, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, two
2 Legion of Merits with combat "V" and the Purple Heart, thereby
3 making him one of New Jersey's--and the nation's--premier war
4 heros; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Admiral Bulkeley's record of accomplishment throughout
6 his 55-year military career has served as a model of excellence and
7 devotion to duty for many thousands of midshipmen at the Naval
8 Academy who have looked up to him as an inspiring leader and
9 tireless defender of freedom for our country; and

10 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper to designate that portion
11 of State Highway Route No. 57 located in Mansfield Township,
12 Warren County, in memory of Admiral John D. Bulkeley, who
13 resided for many years in Mansfield Township while attending the
14 primary and secondary school system serving the township, in order
15 to accord proper recognition by the State of his distinguished
16 record of military service to his country; now, therefore,

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18 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
19 *of New Jersey:*

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- 21 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate that portion
22 of State Highway Route No. 57 in the township of Mansfield, Warren
23 County, as the "Admiral John D. Bulkeley Memorial Highway."
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 - 25 2. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to erect
26 appropriate signage bearing that name.
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 - 28 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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31 **STATEMENT**

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33 This joint resolution designates that portion of State Highway
34 Route No.57 in Mansfield Township, Warren County, as the "Admiral
35 John D. Bulkeley Memorial Highway," in memory of Admiral John D.
36 Bulkeley and his long and distinguished military career.
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