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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 <sup>1</sup>[the township of Mansfield,]<sup>1</sup> Warren  
3 County<sup>1</sup>[,]<sup>1</sup> 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

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SSV committee amendments adopted October 7, 1996.

1       Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba during the 1960's where he  
2       successfully confronted Fidel Castro over the issue of potable water  
3       for the base; and

4       **WHEREAS**, In addition to receiving the nation's highest military award,  
5       the Medal of Honor, Admiral Bulkeley's other distinguished military  
6       decorations included the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Service  
7       Crosses, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, two  
8       Legion of Merits with combat "V" and the Purple Heart, thereby  
9       making him one of New Jersey's--and the nation's--premier war  
10      heros; and

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

16      **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper to designate that portion  
17      of State Highway Route No. 57 located in <sup>1</sup>[Mansfield Township,]<sup>1</sup>  
18      Warren County<sup>1</sup>[,]<sup>1</sup> in memory of Admiral John D. Bulkeley, who  
19      resided for many years in Mansfield Township while attending the  
20      primary and secondary school system serving the township, in order  
21      to accord proper recognition by the State of his distinguished  
22      record of military service to his country; now, therefore,

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24      **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
25      *of New Jersey:*

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27      1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate that portion  
28      of State Highway Route No. 57 in <sup>1</sup>[the township of Mansfield,]<sup>1</sup>  
29      Warren County<sup>1</sup>[,]<sup>1</sup> as the "Admiral John D. Bulkeley Memorial  
30      Highway."

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32      2. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to erect  
33      appropriate signage bearing that name.

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35      3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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40      Designates portion of State Highway Route No.57 in Warren County  
41      as the "Admiral John D. Bulkeley Memorial Highway."