

CHAPTER 134

AN ACT designating a portion of State Highway Route No. 82 as the "Jewish War Veterans Memorial Highway," and making an appropriation.

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

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV) was founded in 1896 by the Jewish Veterans of the Civil War, making it the oldest active national veterans' service group in the country;
 - b. During the past 100 years, the JWV's membership has grown to include soldiers who have served proudly in every United States military engagement from 1861 through the Persian Gulf War in 1991;
 - c. History records that Jewish-Americans served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II beyond their numerical proportion to the general population and recently it has been noted that these veterans have received more than 52,000 decorations and awards, including the Congressional Medal of Honor;
 - d. The JWV combats anti-Semitism and bigotry in conjunction with the Office of Special Investigation and supports American youth through scouting, scholarships and anti-drug programs; and
 - e. It is altogether fitting and proper to establish a permanent memorial to commemorate the many contributions of the JWV and the courage and sacrifices of these veterans by designating a portion of State Highway Route No. 82, a major thoroughfare in Union County, as the "Jewish War Veterans Memorial Highway."
2. The Commissioner of Transportation is directed to designate that portion of State Highway Route No. 82 which runs from the intersection of Route No. 82 and North Avenue to the intersection of Route No. 82 and Salem Road in Union Township in Union County, as the "Jewish War Veterans Memorial Highway."
3. There is appropriated from the General Fund, for purposes of implementing section 2 of this act, \$2,500 to the Department of Transportation for the costs of appropriate and permanent route and directional signs bearing that designation.
4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved October 25, 2000.