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AN ACT designating the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 9 over Throckmorton Street in Freehold Township as the “Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Memorial Bridge.”

WHEREAS, Corporal Philip A. Reynolds, a native and lifelong resident of Freehold Borough, joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, On November 29, 1950, Corporal Reynolds was killed while attempting to clear his gun and put it back in operation after it had jammed during relentless action; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reynolds displayed conspicuous valor and intrepidity, and served to inspire his comrades to heroic efforts, contributing immeasurably to the successful repulse of the enemy; and

WHEREAS, With his company under attack and vastly outnumbered, Corporal Reynolds repeatedly exposed himself to a barrage of enemy fire to deliver a large volume of fire on the attackers; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reynolds gallantly gave his life for his country and was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, posthumously, for his heroic actions on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this State are indebted to the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize and honor the heroic actions of United States Marine Corporal Philip A. Reynolds by designating the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 9 over Throckmorton Street in Freehold Township as the “Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Memorial Bridge”; now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the bridge carrying State Highway Route No. 9 over Throckmorton Street in Freehold Township as the “Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and dedication.

2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing or purchasing, or for erecting signs pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts or grants or other financial aid in any form from any private source for the purpose of funding the costs associated with producing or purchasing, and for erecting signs pursuant to section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 13, 2009.