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AN ACT designating a portion of State Highway Route 17 in Waldwick Borough as the “Christopher Goodell Memorial Highway.”

WHEREAS, Christopher Goodell graduated from Waldwick High School in 2000, served the country honorably in the Marines for eight years, and was a five-year veteran of the Waldwick police force; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Goodell was killed in the line of duty on Thursday, July 17th when a tractor trailer struck the officer while he was operating radar on State Highway Route 17; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodell has been described and should be remembered as an outstanding and proactive law enforcement officer and outstanding person who loved his country, his town, and his police department; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize Officer Goodell’s service to the people of this State and the country by designating that portion of State Highway Route No. 17 in the Borough of Waldwick as the “Christopher Goodell Memorial Highway”; now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate that portion of State Highway Route No. 17 in the Borough of Waldwick as the “Christopher Goodell Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate signs bearing this designation and dedication.

2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources, including, but not limited to, non-governmental non-profit, educational, or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the department until an agreement has been reached with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 11, 2015.