

## CHAPTER 238

**AN ACT** designating a portion of State Highway Route No. 17 as the “Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill Memorial Highway.”

**WHEREAS**, United States Army Staff Sergeant Timothy Raymond McGill was a long-time resident of Ramsey, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from Ramsey High School, Staff Sergeant McGill entered the United States Marine Corps in 2001 and was deployed with the 3rd Marine Division to Iraq in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, After leaving the Marine Corps, Staff Sergeant McGill returned to New Jersey to serve as a volunteer firefighter for the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, An honorable and courageous man who loved the military and his country, Staff Sergeant McGill joined the Rhode Island National Guard in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant McGill was assigned to A company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group of the Army National Guard of Middleton, Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, While in the Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant McGill became a member of the Army Elite Special Forces, also known as the Green Berets, and was deployed to Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Serving as a weapons sergeant, Staff Sergeant McGill was required to complete many difficult missions, including interpreting and preparing combat orders and infiltrating enemy lines to recruit, train, and equip friendly forces for combat; and

**WHEREAS**, An expert in his field, Staff Sergeant McGill received numerous awards and decorations, including the Army Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 21, 2013, Staff Sergeant McGill tragically lost his life in Afghanistan while serving in and supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff Sergeant McGill was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother whose memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

**WHEREAS**, As a true example of heroism, patriotism, and service to his country and his fellow soldiers, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature of the State of New Jersey to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill by designating the portion of State Highway Route No. 17 in the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey as the “Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill 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 the portion of State Highway Route No. 17 extending from Milepost 22.56 to Milepost 24.35 in the Borough of Ramsey, New Jersey as the “Staff Sergeant Timothy R. McGill 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, education, or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall

proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of Transportation 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 January 19, 2016.