

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.

19 - 9

Subject

Recognize the recipients of the Congressional Medal Of Honor by commissioning a
“Congressional Medal of Honor Highway “

A resolution to petition the New York State Legislation and the Governor to recognize the recipients of the Congressional Medal Of Honor by commissioning a “Congressional Medal of Honor Highway “

Whereas the Medal of Honor is our nation’s highest award for valor presented to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States for acting with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of one’s life during combat with an enemy of the United States; and

Whereas since World War I 105 Medal of Honor recipients were born in New York State, entered into service from New York State live in New York State or were laid to rest in New York State; and

Whereas the nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation and the Oregon Legislature created a law designating all 451 miles of the border to border U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, a first in our nation to honor all of a state’s Medal of Honor recipients; and

Whereas the Oregon law suggested a first ever national Medal of Honor Highway would be created if all 11 states east of Oregon and through which U.S. Highway 20 traverses designate border to border Medal of Honor Highways in their states; and

Whereas New York State has not dedicated a border to border highway to honor all of New York State Medal of Honor recipients; and

Whereas a 372 mile border to border New York State Medal of Honor Highway on U.S. Highway 20 would honor New York State’s current and future Medal of Honor recipients and also facilitate a 3,365 mile National Medal of Honor Highway across America; and

Whereas New York State deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of its Medal of Honor recipients and the positive roles they have played in their communities for more than 100 years; and

Therefor be it resolved that the American Legion Department of New York respectfully request that the entire portion of U.S. Highway 20 in New York State beginning at the NY / MA border and ending at the NY / PA state line shall also be known as the New York Medal of Honor Highway, honoring current and future Medal of Honor recipients; and

Be it finally resolved that The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers including display of the 3 versions of the Medal of Honor medal along U.S. Highway 20 that designate the highway as the New York Medal of Honor Highway.

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Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments _____

Consolidated with _____

Referred to Standing Committee on _____

Received and Recorded _____

Other Action _____

Signature _____
(Chairman)

Adjutant Signature

County

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is submitted from another authorized source.

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Title