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## Theinert Memorial Way Road Sign Unveiled

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Senator Kenneth P. LaValle and Assemblyman Marc Alessi joined with Shelter Island Supervisor James Dougherty and the Theinert family to unveil the 'Lt. Joseph J. Theinert Memorial Way' road sign. The sign presented at the event was an actual size mock up of the sign that will be installed on the stretch of NYS Route 114 that runs approximately 1.4 miles in length from the South Ferry Terminal to the Cartwright Road Circle.

Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Alessi passed legislation in their respective houses to create the 'Lt. Joseph J. Theinert Memorial Way' in the Town of Shelter Island. The measure designates a portion of New York State Route 114 in memory of Lt. Joseph J. Theinert, a native Shelter Island resident who lost his life while serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in Afghanistan.

"Ken and Marc have been so sensitive and responsive to Shelter Island in our time of sorrow," Supervisor Jim Dougherty commented, "the Joey Theinert family and all Shelter Islanders are very grateful to them."

“I feel so honored to be able to pay tribute to this local hero,” Alessi said. “Designating part of the highway in honor of Joseph will not only acknowledge the ultimate sacrifice he made, it will also honor all Shelter Island veterans who have given up so much for our country.”

“This designation is a fitting tribute to a young man whose appreciation for Shelter Island and commitment to protecting the freedoms we cherish have touched an entire community,” said Senator LaValle. “The ‘Lt. Joseph J. Theinert Memorial Way’ will honor the memory and courageous deeds of Lt. Theinert who made the ultimate sacrifice in his service to our country.”