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Legislation To Rename Washingtonville Street In Honor Of Local Resident Passes Senate And Assembly

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Senator Bill Larkin (R-C-I, 39th District) and Assemblyman James Skoufis (D-Woodbury) announced that both the State Senate and State Assembly passed legislation this week to rename a portion of Route 208 to John Spear Way, in honor of John Spear, a longtime local resident and community leader.

“John Spear was a deeply beloved, respected, and selfless citizen of the Village of Washingtonville, one who dedicated himself to strengthening our community and enriching the lives of local residents,” said Senator Larkin. “Renaming the road in his honor is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated so much of his life to the betterment of his community and neighbors.”

“John Spear was a pillar of the community who lived in, cared for, and loved Washingtonville,” said Assemblyman Skoufis. “Whether through CYO basketball teaching kids, or on the planning board supporting the village, John was always there when one needed him. It is only appropriate to honor a man whose life should serve as a role model for generations to come.”

The legislation re-names the portions of North Route 208 (north and south), also known as South St. and Goshen Avenue to JOHN SPEAR WAY. The street’s renaming is a village

tradition, one done to recognize and honor those who have dedicated their lives to improving the community.

Mr. Spear, who passed away last year, served the Village of Washingtonville in many different capacities. He was a member of the Planning Board for 50 years, owner and editor of the Orange County Post, founder of the Washingtonville CYO basketball program and was a pillar in his local church community.

The legislation will now go to the Governor for his consideration.