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Senator Terrence Murphy And Assemblyman David Buchwald Enact Law Dedicating Section Of Highway To Fallen Marine Hero

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LEWISBORO, NY - Lance Corporal James Jackowski may have died more than 30 years ago, but Senator Terrence Murphy and Assemblyman David Buchwald have made sure he will never be forgotten. In recognition of Lance Corporal Jackowski's bravery under fire, both state leaders sponsored a bill designating a portion of a highway in Lewisboro as the Marine Lance Corporal James J. Jackowski Highway. The bill (S6472 & A9029) received bipartisan support and was signed into law today by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

"Lance Corporal Jackowski gave his life in service to his country for a purpose greater than himself. He is a true hero," Senator Murphy said. "Lance Corporal Jackowski loved his family, his fellow soldiers and his job as a Marine. It is fitting that the road that runs by his family home will be recognized in his name for many generations to come."

"Lance Corporal James Jackowski's sacrifice to our nation deserves to be remembered forever," said State Assemblyman David Buchwald. "He and his fellow Marines have helped to secure the freedoms we all cherish. It is my hope that when New Yorkers pass this stretch of Route 35, they will think of Lance Corporal Jackowski, so that his memory may always be honored."

"We owe Corporal Jackowski a tremendous debt for his service and bravery. Without his sacrifice our way of life and that of our children is in jeopardy," said Lewisboro Assistant Town Supervisor Peter DeLucia. "Having a road named in honor of Corporal Jackowski to him, his family and all servicemen and women who protect our freedom."

James J. Jackowski displayed a passion and talent for cooking at an early age, furthering his interest for the culinary arts while attending John Jay High School in Katonah. He enlisted in the Marines during his senior year, intent on honing his skills. Lance Corporal Jackowski's unparalleled cooking skills, his dedication to his duties as a Marine and his gregarious and caring personality made everyone who met him love and respect him.

Tragically, Corporal Jackowski lost his life on October 23, 1983 in Beirut, Lebanon along with 238 other Marines when his barracks was bombed. He was just 20-years-old.

The section of highway designated in Corporal Jackowski's name begins at the intersection of Route 35 and State Route 124 in Lewisboro and ends at the intersection of Route 35 and Ridgefield Avenue.