



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## GREENE COUNTY ROADWAY DESIGNATED AS “WAYNE C. SPEENBURGH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”

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Senator George Amedore and Assemblyman Peter Lopez today announced the ceremonial dedication of the “Wayne C. Speenburgh Memorial Highway” in Greene County. Legislation designating the highway was sponsored by Senator Amedore and Assemblyman Lopez and signed into law by Governor Cuomo last year.

Wayne Speenburgh passed away in September 2015 after a long illness. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and worked as the Postmaster of the Coxsackie Post Office

for thirty years. He was first elected to the County Legislature in 2004 and was elected Chairman in 2007, a position he held until his illness forced him to step down in 2014.

The New York State Department of Transportation installed two signs designating the roadway, which begins at the intersection of Route 23 and Old Road in the town of Windham and runs west to the intersection of Route 23 and North Settlement Road in the town of Ashland.

Senator Amedore and Assemblyman Lopez unveiled the signs today at a ceremony attended by Wayne's wife Deborah Speenburgh, friends and loved ones, and members of the County Legislature.

"Wayne Speenburgh loved his community, and he loved public service," said Senator George Amedore. "He was a giant in Greene County and he touched the lives of so many as he worked to improve the quality of life in our communities. I was proud to know him and call him a friend, and I am so honored to stand here today with Deb, and all those who knew and loved Wayne to dedicate this highway in his honor. I can think of no better way to pay tribute to a great man and recognize all he did for Greene County."

"Wayne was a passionate man who led by example," said Assemblyman Lopez (R,C,I,Ref-Schoharie). "He was a fierce defender and protector of his constituents and I am very proud of his roots in Greene County. We chose this stretch of highway because of Wayne's childhood ties to the mountaintop and for the many miles he traveled to assist the victims of hurricane's Irene and Lee. We are all so thankful for his service and the privilege of calling him a friend."

In addition to his public service, Wayne Speenburgh was involved in the community in many other capacities, including as a member of the VFW and the American Legion of Catskill and Coxsackie, as a coach for several sports leagues, and head of the Coxsackie Community Playground and the Coxsackie Food Pantry.