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Senator Phillips & Assemblyman D’Urso Introduce Legislation Honoring Hero War Veteran from Manhasset

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Senator Elaine Phillips (R-Manhasset) and Assemblyman Anthony D’Urso (D-Port Washington) have introduced legislation honoring Army Sergeant James “Jimmy” Regan, a veteran from Manhasset who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

The legislation (S5843/A7654) would designate the section of Port Washington Boulevard between Northern Boulevard and Crabapple Road in Manhasset as “Sergeant James J. Regan Boulevard.” This section is near the home where Sgt. Regan grew up.

“Jimmy Regan was a leader and a role model who set a wonderful example for others to follow. His patriotism, heroism and eagerness to serve our country are things that should always be revered and emulated. Renaming this roadway in his honor is another way to ensure that his service and sacrifice will always be remembered,” said Senator Phillips.

“Sergeant James Regan was a true hero; he lived by his actions and unselfishly decided to serve and defend his country. I am proud to sponsor this legislation to honor his memory,” said Assemblyman D’Urso.

Sgt. Regan was an outstanding student and All-American lacrosse player at Chaminade High School who went on to star as a member of Duke University's lacrosse program. Deeply affected by the terror attacks of 9/11, which killed many people from his hometown, he volunteered to serve in the US Army after his college graduation, passing up lucrative Wall Street job opportunities and law school scholarships.

He excelled in the military as well, graduating first in his basic training class, receiving the distinction of "Soldier of the Cycle" and later earning a spot in the elite Army Rangers. Sgt. Regan served four overseas combat tours, two in Afghanistan and two in Iraq.

Sgt. Regan made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country in February 9, 2007 when his vehicle was targeted by an IED in Northern Iraq. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal for his brave and heroic service, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.