



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jen Metzger

Metzger's Bill to Rename Colchester Bridge in Honor of Veterans Becomes Law on Veterans Day

JEN METZGER November 11, 2020

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Albany, NY...Today Senator Jen Metzger's bill ([S7897B](#)) to designate a New York State Route 30 bridge in Downsville as the "Colchester Veterans Memorial Bridge" was signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo on Veterans Day. The Town of Colchester originally requested this designation for the bridge, which crosses the east branch of the Delaware River, to memorialize Delaware County's veterans. The legislation marks the 30th bill introduced by Senator Metzger that has been signed into law since she took office last year.

“It was my honor to work with the Town of Colchester and American Legion Post 167 on legislation to rename a bridge on State Route 30 in Downsville as the Colchester Veterans Memorial Bridge, and I thank the Governor for signing this bill into law,” **said Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42)**. “The newly dedicated bridge will serve as a permanent memorial to Delaware County’s veterans, and a lasting tribute to the service and sacrifice of these brave men and women.”

Arthur Merrill, Colchester Town Supervisor said, “We want to thank the Senator for her support of this bill and her continued support of the citizens in her district. Designating the bridge is an honor for the Town of Colchester. Our American Legion approached us last year for our support, which we give unequivocally to recognize all our veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country and their community. They are due so much more than a commemorative plaque and such a dedication is an absolute privilege for the Town.”

Also signed into law today was legislation co-sponsored by Senator Metzger requiring the New York State Division of Veteran's Services to review issues relating to veterans' ability to access state parks, lands, and facilities. Outdoor-based therapeutic programs hold promise for veterans suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other invisible wounds of war, and the "Outdoor Rx Act" ([S6706A](#)) is intended to widen access to parks and other outdoor recreational facilities. Other state agencies involved in the review include the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Health, and the Office of Mental Health.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women’s Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to designating a portion of the state highway system as the "Colchester Veterans Memorial Bridge"

February 28, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by **Jen Metzger**

Do you support this bill?

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