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## Highway in Guilderland Dedicated in Memory of Todd J. Clark

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Today, Senator George Amedore, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, and other local officials joined with the Clark family to dedicate a portion of Rt. 146 in Guilderland as the "Lieutenant Colonel Todd J. Clark Memorial Highway." Lt. Colonel Clark was a Guilderland native killed in the line of duty while serving overseas in 2013.

Senator Amedore and Assemblywoman Fahy sponsored legislation (S.2290/A.2131) to rename Rt. 146 from Route 20 north to Lydius Street in Guilderland in honor of the fallen hero. Governor Cuomo signed the bill into law on July 2nd.

"Each day our service men and women risk their lives, so their loved ones at home may enjoy our nation's freedoms," said Senator Amedore. "Lieutenant Colonel Clark served our nation courageously, ultimately sacrificing his life on behalf of all of us. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication and commitment to his nation and community. Renaming this highway in his hometown allows us to pay a small tribute to a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation he loved."

"It is an honor to have sponsored this bill to rename Route 146 in commemoration of the extraordinary service and ultimate sacrifice of Guilderland's Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark," said Assemblywoman Fahy. "This is such a fitting way having just celebrated Independence Day and I thank the Governor and my legislative colleagues for their support of this legislation, and the Lieutenant Colonel's family for their tremendous patriotism and support."

"This tribute to Lt. Clark is well deserved as he served our nation with dignity and honor," said Albany County Executive McCoy. "It is because of great men like Lt. Clark that we enjoy the freedoms we do. This designation will serve as a reminder for generations to come that he gave his life on behalf of his fellow citizens."

Lieutenant Colonel Todd J. Clark, 40, died June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Afghanistan, while serving as a Senior Advisor to the Afghan National Army. Lt. Col. Clark was a decorated soldier serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In his five overseas combat deployments, Lt. Col. Clark carried himself with honor and distinction, earning numerous commendations including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

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