



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATOR AMEDORE INTRODUCES BILL TO NAME HIGHWAY IN HONOR OF FALLEN ULSTER COUNTY SOLDIER

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Senator George Amedore has introduced legislation (S.6372) that would designate a portion of State Route 32 in Ulster County as the “Private First Class Douglas Cordo Memorial Highway.”

“Each day our service men and women risk their lives to protect our freedoms and way of life,” said Senator Amedore. “PFC Cordo served our nation courageously, ultimately sacrificing his life on our behalf. This is a way to thank him for his service, his sacrifice, and show the appreciation of the all of the members of the community he loved.”

The portion of highway to be designated begins at the intersection of State Route 32 and Route 9W in the City of Kingston and runs north to the intersection of State Route 32 and Route 9W in the town of Saugerties.

Private First Class Douglas L. Cordo was killed in action in August of 2011 when an improvised explosive device detonated while his unit patrolled the Abul Province village of Shah Joy in Afghanistan. After graduation from Kingston High School in 2009, he briefly

attended SUNY Ulster before joining the United States Army in March 2010. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team of the 25th Infantry Division based in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and was deployed to Afghanistan for a yearlong tour in March 2011.

“Private First Class Douglas Cordo leaves behind a legacy of dedication and commitment to his nation and community,” said Senator Amedore. “Renaming this highway in Ulster County where he grew up is a fitting tribute to a brave young man who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation he loved.”

The Senate is expected to pass the legislation this session.

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