



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Todd Kaminsky

Kaminsky, Senate Honor Detective Steven McDonald-- Adopting Joint Resolution, Passing Bill to Rename Southern State Parkway

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Senator Todd Kaminsky and Assemblyman Brian Curran joined their colleagues in both houses of the New York State Legislature to adopt a Joint Resolution, [J.1963](#), honoring the life and accomplishments of Detective Steven McDonald. Immediately after the adoption of a Senate resolution, the Senate passed bill [S6549](#), renaming the Nassau portion of the Southern State Parkway, "Detective Steven McDonald Memorial Highway." The bill was sponsored by the entire Long Island Senate delegation and passed the Senate unanimously (62-0).

The McDonald family, including his wife, Mayor Patti Ann Noris-McDonald and son, NYPD Sgt. Conor McDonald were on the Senate floor to observe the proceedings. They were joined by a large contingent of NYPD Officers, Malverne Police Officers, and Rockville Centre Mayor Francis Murray, among others.

"The legacy of Steven McDonald reminds us of the sacrifices police make every day on our behalf. His legacy also reminds us of the enduring human spirit, of the courage to live life to its fullest, and the possibilities of love and forgiveness," said Senator Todd Kaminsky. "With respect to renaming the Southern State, I think it is wonderful that future generations will be able to learn of Detective McDonald's heroics and it will help enable his spirit and message to live on."

"Officer Steven McDonald's service and lifelong commitment to his community and the New York City Police Department has left an indelible mark on our hearts and souls. His legacy will always be remembered for that of grace, fearlessness,

forgiveness, wisdom, and tireless devotion to the safety of every resident in the Great State of New York. I am honored to present Steven's wife Patricia, and son Coner today with this Resolution commending him for his excellence in all he has contributed," added Assemblyman Brian Curran.

Detective Steven McDonald has been recognized as a national hero for his perseverance after gunshot wounds he received while serving as a member of the New York City Police Department left him paralyzed in July of 1986. His message of hope and forgiveness, most notably to the young man responsible for his wounds, continue to inspire people the world over.

Videos of Senator Kaminsky's comments on the floor recognizing the McDonald Family and in support of the legislation can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).

related legislation

[2017-S6549](#)

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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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[Designates a portion of the state highway system in Nassau county as the "Detective Steven McDonald Memorial Highway"](#)

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Signed by Governor

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