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LET'S RENAME THE MID-HUDSON BRIDGE
THE FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
MID-HUDSON BRIDGE!

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STATE OF NEW YORK

4669

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 13, 2023

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the ceremonial designation of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 526-c to read as follows:

3 § 526-c. Ceremonial designation of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-
4 Hudson bridge. 1. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge, as
5 defined in subdivision five of section five hundred twenty-six of this
6 title, shall be designated and known as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roose-
7 velt Mid-Hudson Bridge".

8 2. The chairperson of the New York State Bridge Authority shall
9 provide for the installation and maintenance of adequate signing of the
10 state highway system as designated pursuant to subdivision one of this
11 section within such time and in such manner as they shall deem appropri-
12 ate. However, to avoid confusion and to limit any possible disruption of
13 commerce, the designation called for pursuant to subdivision one of this
14 section shall be one of ceremonial nature and the official name of such
15 bridge shall not be changed as a result of this section.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

LBD02155-01-3

S4669 (ACTIVE) - SPONSOR MEMO

BILL NUMBER: S4669

SPONSOR: HINCHEY

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the ceremonial designation of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge"

PURPOSE:

To honor both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt by designating the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge".

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1: Provides that the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge shall be designated as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge". Provides that the chairperson of the NYS Bridge Authority shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of adequate signing within such time and manner as they shall deem appropriate. Furthermore provides that this designation shall be of a ceremonial nature so as to avoid confusion and to limit any possible disruption of commerce.

Section 2: Provides the effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

Few couples have left such an enduring mark on American History as Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, whose partnership played a role not only in cultivating a community in New York's Hudson Valley, but in shaping the future of our great nation. In her role as first lady, Eleanor was a beloved pioneer in her own right and has long been the paragon of the position since her tenure. A trailblazer for women in politics, she set the

standard, being the first to regularly hold press conferences, write a daily newspaper column, speak at a national party convention and more.

The Roosevelts were fierce allies, their status as political partners was also highlighted by Eleanor being the first lady to be included as part of a presidential memorial. Despite being both personal and political partners, however, according to archivists at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, nothing in the United States is named after both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt together. Prior to his election as President of the United States, FDR, a Hyde Park native, served as Governor of New York State. As Governor, FDR led the famous parade opening the Mid-Hudson Bridge, later renamed as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge, alongside his beloved wife Eleanor. This legislation would honor the contributions of two of the most influential 20th century Americans, and highlight the role that they played in our community and in our country together.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2021-22: S3938 Referred to transportation

2020: S.7836A Referred to Transportation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None to State.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK

2340

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 25, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

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A02340 Memo:

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

BILL NUMBER: A2340

SPONSOR: Jacobson

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the ceremonial designation of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge as the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge"

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

To honor both President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt by designating the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge"

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 amends section 526-c of the Public Authorities Law by providing that the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge shall be designated as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge".

Provides that the chairperson of the NYS Bridge Authority shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of adequate signage within such time and manner as they shall deem appropriate. Furthermore, provides that this designation shall be of a ceremonial nature so as to avoid confusion and to limit any possible disruption of commerce.

Section 2 sets forth the effective date which is immediately.

JUSTIFICATION:

Few couples have left as an enduring mark on American History as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor Roosevelt. Prior to his election as President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Hyde Park native, served as a member of the New York State Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Governor of New York State.

Widely acknowledged as one of the most important figures of the 20th Century, Roosevelt served as President from 1933 up until his death in 1945. During his nearly four terms in office, President Roosevelt led the United States out of the Great Depression and to victory in World War II.

A trailblazer for women in politics, Eleanor transformed the role of First Lady by using it as a platform for social activism. At a time both issues were unpopular, Eleanor agitated for equal rights for women and African Americans. She also wrote a daily newspaper column and, while serving as a delegate to the United Nations, oversaw the creation and passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

As Governor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt led the parade opening the Mid-Hudson Bridge with Eleanor by his side. The bridge was later renamed as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge.

Despite Eleanor's many achievements, however, no American landmark is named after both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, so it is only apt that the Mid-Hudson Bridge be renamed to honor the celebrated couple's many contributions and highlight their important role in the rich history of New York's Mid-Hudson region.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2019-2020: 57836 - Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

2021-2022: A10546 - Referred to Assembly Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

S3938 - Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.