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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

5003

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 14, 2025

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  
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## A05066 Summary:

BILL NO	A05066
SAME AS	SAME AS <u>S05003</u>
SPONSOR	Jacobson
COSPNSR	
MLTSPNSR	

Add §526-c, Pub Auth L

Designates the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson bridge as the "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge".

## A05066 Actions:

BILL NO A05066

02/11/2025 referred to corporations, authorities and commissions

## A05066 Committee Votes:

## A05066 Floor Votes:

*There are no votes for this bill in this legislative session.*

**A05066 Memo:**

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

**BILL NUMBER:** A5066

**SPONSOR:** Jacobson

**TITLE OF BILL:**

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**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: S7836 - Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

2021-2022: A10546 - Referred to Assembly Corporations, Authorities and Commissions S3938 - Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

2023-2024: A2340 - Referred to Assembly Corporations, Authorities and Commissions S4669 - Passed Senate

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

None.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 11, 2025

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