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ARMY SPECIALIST JACOB SAMUEL FLETCHER AVENUE DEDICATED

Legislator Steve Stern names Deer Park Avenue at Village Line Road in Honor of American Hero



Pictured l-r: Babylon Councilman Thomas Donnelley, Legislator Wayne Horsley, Islip Councilman John C. Cochrane, Jr., County Executive Steve Bellone, Legislator Steve Stern, Dorine Kenney, Babylon Supervisor Rich Schaffer, Islip Supervisor Tom Croci, Babylon Deputy Superintendent Tony Martinez, Director, Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency, Tom Ronayne

HUNTINGTON, NY- Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16th LD), Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, joined with Gold Star mother Dorine Kenney, County Executive Steve Bellone, Babylon Supervisor Rich Schaffer, Islip Supervisor Tom Croci, other elected officials, the Patriot Guard Riders, veterans groups and community organizations to dedicate and to re-name County Road 34 between Village Line Road and Route 231 in Babylon “Specialist Jacob Samuel Fletcher Avenue” in memory and in honor of Army Specialist Jacob S. Fletcher. Jacob was raised in Babylon Village and graduated from Babylon High School. He joined the Army at the age of 27 after the terrorist attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001. He made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation in Samarra, Iraq, on November 14, 2003.

Jacob cared deeply for his fellow troops, asking his mother, Dorine Kenney to send care packages and letters to servicemen and women who did not have family support. After Jacob's death, Dorine continued Jacob's wish and founded the Jacob's Light Foundation, which to date has sent more than 570,000 pounds of supplies to the brave men and women protecting our freedom overseas.

"It is my honor to sponsor this legislation naming a portion of County Road 34 in Babylon in loving memory of a true American hero," Legislator Stern said. "Jacob answered the call of duty and in the most dangerous conditions and through the most challenging circumstances, thought not only of his duty to country but of his fellow servicemen and women. I have had the distinct honor of working with his mother, Dorine Kenney, who continues her beloved son's legacy through service to others."

"Jacob Fletcher was truly a public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country," said County Executive Steve Bellone. "Jacob made a conscious decision to give of his time and talent to protect our country and its citizens after the 9/11 attacks. It is only befitting that a street in his hometown be named in his honor. I am truly proud of his bravery and feel honored that he was a Suffolk County resident."

"I am very grateful that Legislator Stern continues to remember my son Jacob," Gold Star mother Dorine Kenney said. "He has supported my son's foundation from the beginning and it means so much to me to have a street named for Jacob to keep his memory alive."