

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS UNDERHILL BOULEVARD BETWEEN JACKSON AVENUE AND QUEENS STREET IN SYOSSET AS “GUS SCUTARI WAY”, AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSTALL CONSPICUOUS SIGNAGE ALONG SAID ROADWAY

WHEREAS, Costantino “Gus” Scutari (hereinafter referred to as Gus Scutari) joined the United States Navy at age twenty-one, on November second, nineteen forty-two, during the height of the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, from nineteen forty-two through nineteen forty-six, Gus Scutari saw extensive combat while serving as Fire Controlman First Class on the U.S.S. Haynsworth in the Pacific Theatre, where fourteen of his fellow sailors were killed in action during a Japanese kamikaze bombing during the nineteen forty-five Battle of Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, Gus Scutari married Woodbury resident Fran Zorbo, and the couple called Syosset their home for decades; and

WHEREAS, Gus Scutari proudly served his beloved community by participating as Commander in the Syosset Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as an active member in the American Legion Eugene S. Smith Post #175, and by spearheading the National Veterans of Foreign Wars’ local “Voice of Democracy” competition to ensure that young people never take the sacrifices of our soldiers for granted; and

WHEREAS, Gus Scutari, affectionately known in Syosset as “Mr. Memorial Day”, started organizing the Syosset Memorial Day Parade in nineteen ninety-one and continued to organize the parade for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, on April ninth, two thousand twenty, at the age of ninety-nine, Gus Scutari passed away; and

WHEREAS, countless Nassau County residents have held this American hero in high regard for his dedication to our nation and community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature now deems it a fitting tribute to Gus Scutari to ceremonially designate a portion of the County road known as Underhill Boulevard between Jackson Avenue and Queens Street in Syosset as “Gus Scutari Way”; and

WHEREAS, said designation is hereby declared a public purpose; NOW THEREFORE
BE IT

RESOLVED, that the portion of Underhill Boulevard between Jackson Avenue and Queens Street in Syosset shall hereafter be known as “Gus Scutari Way”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is directed to install conspicuous signage along the length of the roadway to ceremonially designate the road “Gus Scutari Way”. All County agencies and departments are directed to take immediate steps to effectuate this designation with signage to be in place no later than June 30, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such designation shall in no case be construed to change the official name of the roadway from Underhill Boulevard.