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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

AN ACT DESIGNATING AND NAMING THE PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 301 COMMENCING AT DELAWARE ROUTE 1 AND TERMINATING AT THE DELAWARE MARYLAND STATE LINE AS FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

1 WHEREAS, a first responder is a person with specialized training who is among the first to arrive and provide  
2 assistance at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, natural disaster, or terrorist attack; and

3 WHEREAS, first responders include ground and air ambulance services, fire services, county paramedic services,  
4 law enforcement agencies, local and state EMS agencies, and other governmental and voluntary organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, first responders are focused on improving the quality of life for the citizens of and visitors to  
6 Delaware by reducing morbidity and mortality rates and to ensure the delivery of high quality emergency care services; and

7 WHEREAS, Delaware's first responders field calls daily for shootings, robberies, overdoses, and domestic  
8 violence; and

9 WHEREAS, their jobs also entail rescuing trapped ducklings and dogs stuck in the mud, assisting residents locked  
10 out of their homes, pulling people to safety on Delaware waterways, and ensuring that the community feels safe  
11 approaching them for help; and

12 WHEREAS, in view of the tireless dedication and emergency actions of all First Responders and their  
13 commitment to the betterment of our State, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of Delaware to honor our First  
14 Responders by naming the Delaware portion of U.S. Route 301 as "First Responders Memorial Highway".

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

17 Section 1. The portion of U.S. Route 301 commencing at Route 1 and terminating at the Delaware Maryland State  
18 line shall henceforth be known as "First Responders Memorial Highway".

19 Section 2. The Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to take the appropriate action necessary to  
20 implement the provisions of this act.

SYNOPSIS

This act names the Delaware portion of U.S. Route 301 between Route 1 and the Delaware Maryland State line as First Responders Memorial Highway.