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S. 3145

To designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the “Timothy J. Russert Highway”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2008

Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Timothy “Tim” John Russert was born on
6 May 7, 1950 in Buffalo, New York, to Elizabeth and
7 Timothy Joseph Russert.

8 (2) Tim Russert graduated from Canisius High
9 School in Buffalo, New York, earned his bachelor’s

1 degree in political science from John Carroll Univer-
2 sity in 1972, and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland
3 State University—Marshall School of Law in 1976.

4 (3) Tim Russert embarked on a career in public
5 service with United States Senator Daniel Patrick
6 Moynihan and the Governor of New York, Mario
7 Cuomo, from 1977 to 1984.

8 (4) After his career in public service and New
9 York politics, Tim Russert began his career in jour-
10 nalism when he joined NBC in 1984.

11 (5) In 1991, Tim Russert became the host of
12 the Sunday morning news program Meet the Press,
13 the longest-running program in the history of tele-
14 vision. He would go on to become the longest serving
15 host of the show.

16 (6) Throughout his career, Tim Russert re-
17 ceived 48 honorary doctorates and several awards
18 for excellence in journalism, including—

19 (A) the Edward R. Murrow Award from
20 the Radio-Television News Directors Associa-
21 tion;

22 (B) the John Peter Zenger Freedom of the
23 Press Award;

24 (C) the American Legion Journalism
25 Award;

1 (D) the Veterans of Foreign Wars News
2 Media Award;

3 (E) the Congressional Medal of Honor So-
4 ciety Journalism Award;

5 (F) the Allen H. Neuharth Award for Ex-
6 cellence in Journalism;

7 (G) the David Brinkley Award for Excel-
8 lence in Communication;

9 (H) the Catholic Academy for Communica-
10 tion's Gabriel Award; and

11 (I) an Emmy Award from the National
12 Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

13 (7) In 2004, Tim Russert authored the best-
14 selling autobiography, *Big Russ and Me*, which
15 chronicled his life growing up in South Buffalo and
16 his education at Canisius High School. He is also
17 the author of *Wisdom of our Fathers*.

18 (8) Tim Russert advocated on behalf of abused
19 children and voiced the need to protect our Nation's
20 young people, serving on the board of directors of
21 the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club and
22 America's Promise—Alliance for Youth.

23 (9) Tim Russert sat in the front seat of history,
24 chronicling the political and societal events that have

1 defined our time, and serving as a trusted source of
2 information and analysis for millions of Americans.

3 (10) Tim Russert was a tireless booster of Buf-
4 falo, a famous fan of his beloved Buffalo Bills, and
5 was always proud of his South Buffalo roots, a
6 source of civic pride in the Western New York com-
7 munity.

8 (11) Tim Russert passed away on June 13,
9 2008. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Orth and
10 their son, Luke Russert.

11 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

12 The portion of United States Route 20A located in
13 Orchard Park, New York, between Abbot Road and Cali-
14 fornia Road shall be known and designated as the “Tim-
15 othy J. Russert Highway”.

16 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

17 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
18 paper, or other record of the United States to the portion
19 of United States Route 20A referred to in section 2 shall
20 be deemed to be a reference to the Timothy J. Russert
21 Highway.

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