

Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5412

AN ACT NAMING THE TROOP K STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN

Title: COLCHESTER IN HONOR OF LINDA A. ORANGE.

Vote Date: 3/4/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/11/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

Rep. Brian T. Smith, 48th Dist.

Rep. Kevin Ryan, 139th Dist.

Rep. Anthony L. Nolan, 39th Dist.

Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria, 105th Dist.

Sen. Norman Needleman, 33rd Dist.

Sen. Mae Flexer, 29th Dist.

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REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will honor the late Rep. Linda Orange, 48th District by naming the Troop K barracks after her. Rep. Orange's dedication and support for her constituents and to the those who were firefighters, armed forces, and police is well known. This would be a tribute to the good works that Rep. Orange was able to accomplish in her time as a representative at the Connecticut General Assembly, House of Representatives.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Denise W. Merrill, Secretary of State, State of Connecticut

Denise Merrill wrote in support of this bill. Rep. Orange represented the 48th Assembly District and was incredibly popular and loved in her district and was a good friend to many in the legislature. She worked well with both sides of the aisle and had ability to find consensus. Naming the Troop K barracks after Rep. Orange would be a fitting memorial.

**Office of the Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection,
State of Connecticut**

The Department is in full support of this bill. Rep. Orange was a steadfast supporter and a constant voice for all first responders in the state. She was instrumental in the creation of the Dep. Of Emergency Services and Public Protection in 2011. Troop K barracks being named after her would be an honor and a tribute to accomplishment to the first responder community.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative, Connecticut State Firefighters Association

CT State Firefighters support this bill. Rep. Orange was a constant supporter of all Fire Service Organizations and this tribute is very much deserved.

Ronald Goldstein, Resident of Colchester, CT

Mr. Goldstein supports this bill. Naming the barracks after Rep. Orange is an appropriate honor as she was dedicated to her constituents and also to those who served as first responders and the military who put their own lives at risk protecting the public. There is no better tribute to Rep. Orange than naming the Troop K barracks after her.

Michelle Noehren, Resident of Colchester, CT

Ms. Noehren supports this bill. Rep. Orange was important community member and a big supporter of the police. Naming Troop K barracks after Rep. Orange is a beautiful way to remember her legacy. There are many in Colchester who feel the same way.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

NONE EXPRESSED

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk

Date: 03/10/21