

Rep. Anderson: Designating Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway

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MADISON, Wis.- Representative Clinton Anderson joined Senators Mark Spreitzer and Steve Nass, as well as Representatives Ellen Schutt, Jenna Jacobson, and James Edming on legislation to name the stretch of Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway.

Corporal Neal of Orfordville died in Afghanistan on April 25, 2012, after being attacked by an improvised explosive device. He was a graduate of Parkview High School in 2009, and his military honors include: the Purple Heart, NATO Medal, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Corporal Neal was the first person from Orfordville to die in combat since World War 1 according to the American Legion.

“Corporal Benjamin Neal is an Orfordville hero, a Wisconsin hero, and a national hero,” Rep. Anderson said. “I am proud to co-author this bill, and encourage my legislative colleagues to join with me in recognizing Corporal Neal’s bravery and importance to the Orfordville community.” This legislation is supported by the Wells-Davis-Young-Neal American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville and the Wisconsin American Legion.