

## **Resolution of the Township of Bernards**

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## **Resolution #2024-0209**

Naming Roadway Connection of the Municipal Complex and Ridge High School as Captain Ford Shaw Way and the Scheduling the Dedication Thereof on April 12, 2024

WHEREAS, Marine Captain Ford Shaw was from Basking Ridge, NJ, and graduated from Ridge High School in 2002; and

**WHEREAS,** Captain Shaw while attending Ridge High School, was the student government president and was Captain of his varsity lacrosse team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ridge Red Devil Boys Lacrosse program honors Captain Ford Shaw by choosing the player who best embodies his spirit, character, and dedication to wear his jersey #3, and as Ford did, that player displays selfless leadership and a team first attitude in his memory; and

**WHEREAS,** Captain Shaw became a Marine officer after graduating in 2006 from the United States Naval Academy (USNA) with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and accepting a commission selecting Infantry from The Basic School and went on to serve his country for nine years until his lost in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shaw was decorated commissioned Marine officer who served two tours in Iraq in 2007 and again in 2009 and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2014. During his service to our country, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment ribbon with two stars and a Bronze Star posthumously; and

**WHEREAS,** Captain Shaw was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Corp Special Operations Command stationed at Camp Lejune in North Carolina where he was lost on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in a Black Hawk helicopter training crash of the coast of Florida along with six other Marines and four Army National Guard Members; and

**WHEREAS,** Bernards Township is extremely proud to be Captain Shaw's hometown and wishes to name the roadway connection of the Municipal Complex and Ridge High School as "Captain Ford Shaw Way" in his honor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Township Committee that the roadway connection of the Municipal Complex and Ridge High School will now and forever be known as Captain Ford Shaw Way, and that a dedication event be held on April 12, 2024 to celebrate our hometown hero, Captain Ford Shaw.

Agenda and Date Voted: 04/09/2024