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In 1995, former Representative Dominick Buoncore (102nd District) and I introduced legislation to rename the Quinnipiac Bridge to commemorate the heroes of Pearl Harbor. The Q-Bridge was officially re-named the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge in Public Act 95-325 in 1995.

As Frank remarked following the attack on December 7, 1941, this was a “day that will live on in Infamy”. Japanese submarines and carrier-based planes attacked the US fleet at Pearl Harbor killing 2,403 Americans and wounding 1,178 others. The Pearl Harbor attack came at a time when the United States was supposedly at peace with Japan. War had not been declared and this surprise attack was the impetus for our nation’s involvement in World War II.

After President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Idlewild Airport in New York was named for him. To this day, we still honor his memory and refer to the airport as the John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Just as we still honor President Kennedy to this day, we should honor those brave soldiers in the same way. By continuing to call the Pearl Harbor Bridge the Q-Bridge, we fail to pay tribute to those heroes that died and were injured in that terrible naval disaster.

It is only appropriate that on this Memorial Day and everyday we remember these heroes. It is again our sincere request that when your station or newspaper refers to the bridge, it uses its official name, the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Louis Esposito
State Representative
West Haven