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MAIN ST. IN YAPHANK TO BE RENAMED IN HONOR OF HERB DAVIS

*Former Legislator, Fire Chief & Commissioner and Brookhaven Town Fire Marshall
Will Never Be Forgotten*

Yaphank, NY – Main Street in Yaphank will be formally renamed in Yaphank in honor of the late Herb Davis. Mr. Davis was known as the “Unofficial Mayor” of Yaphank due to his years of service to the community where he was born and raised. The Suffolk County Legislature solidified the name change at its March 22 legislative meeting when it passed a resolution, sponsored by Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley), renaming the roadway for the former Suffolk County legislator.

Herb Davis was born in Yaphank on February 20, 1929. His family reaches all the way back to Yaphank’s settlement and still has a house on Main Street. After graduating from Bellport High School and serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, Herb Davis returned to his hometown and became active in the Yaphank Fire Department. He would eventually serve as both Chief and Commissioner of the department. This culminated in him serving as Brookhaven Town Chief Fire Marshall.

In 1989 Mr. Davis, a Republican, was elected to his first of three terms in the Suffolk County Legislature. He led the way to establishing 12 year term limits for legislators, which is still in effect today. Herb Davis’s dedication and commitment to the Yaphank community and the county was substantial and will never be forgotten.

“Herb Davis was a true public servant,” stated Legislator Browning. “He fought tirelessly to bring accountability to government by creating term limits in the legislature. His contributions to the Yaphank community are endless and the dedication of Main Street in his name ensures that future generations will always know his name and remember his countless years of service.”

The Davis family, the Yaphank fire department and Legislator Browning will be holding a formal ceremony to dedicate the road in May. More information will be available as a date is solidified in the coming weeks.

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