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HERBERT W. DAVIS STREET UNVEILED IN YAPHANK

*Legislator Browning, Davis Family and Yaphank F.D. Dedicate
Main St. in Honor of Former Suffolk County Legislator*



(Pictured Above: Legislator Kate Browning, far right, is standing with Herbert Davis's family after the street sign was unveiled on Main Street. Herbert Davis's wife, Mrs. Margaret Davis, center, is surrounded by her children and grandchildren.)

Yaphank, NY – A street sign was formally unveiled on Main Street in Yaphank yesterday in honor of former Suffolk County Legislator Herbert W. Davis. Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley), who sponsored the legislation to dedicate the roadway, was joined by the Davis family, community residents, the Yaphank Fire Department and Robert Bruggemann, Commander of the Suffolk County American Legion.

Herbert W. Davis was born in Yaphank on February 20, 1929. His family reaches all the way back to Yaphank's settlement and still owns 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 is worthy of dedicating Main Street in his honor.

"On behalf of the Davis family I would like thank Legislator Kate Browning for recognizing and honoring a great man," stated Herb Davis's son in law Joe Tapler. "In doing so we have not only dedicated Main St. in his honor, but have ensured that it will stand for not only what Herb Davis meant to Yaphank, but what Yaphank meant to Herb Davis."

"This honor is the least we can do for a great public servant that spent his entire life making his community and country a better place to live," stated Legislator Kate Browning.

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