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### **Bipartisan Bill to Honor Granite Staters Passed by NH Senate**

**CONCORD** - Today, the Senate passed HB 1135, 24-0. The bill incorporates several naming bills passed earlier this session to honor the work of Granite Staters across sectors and add Holocaust and genocide studies to the definition of an adequate education.

**After the vote Senator David Watters (D-Dover) and issued the following statements:**

“As a Senate we are proud to recognize the service of Granite Staters like Specialist Marc P. Decoteau and Officer Stephen Arkell,” stated **Senator David Watters (D-Dover)**. “As a Legislature, it is an honor to publicly remember their contributions to New Hampshire. Together, we honor the service of Specialist Decoteu, Officer Arkell, Judge Casassa, Judge Frasier, and the soldiers who fought and lost their lives during the invasion of Normandy in World War II.”

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### **On Background:**

- HB 1135 includes text from the following bills:
  - SB 552 *designating a portion of state route 125 as Officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Highway*
  - SB 604 *naming certain courtrooms in the tenth circuit district court and relative to circuit court, district and family division cases in Rockingham county*
  - SB 727 *relative to Holocaust and genocide studies legislation and establishing a commission to study genocide education*
  - HB 1135 *naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau*
  - HB 1313 *declaring June 6 as D-Day Remembrance Day*
  - SB 564 *proclaiming August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day*