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The Rest of the Story....

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Kristina Savoca's Ladybug Lane

Neighbors Honor Work For Ladybug

By Laura Muha and Tonya Smith

You won't find a street named "Ladybug Lane," on any map of Suffolk County.

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She did — not once — but on numerous occasions. And every year Wertz would introduce the bill that it

seemed would never get past the State Senate. Finally, this year it did, and last month, Gov. Mario Cuomo signed legislation designating the ladybug the official state insect.

"I think it's important to recognize someone who made such an achievement," said Smithtown Town Supervisor Patrick Vecchio. "Besides, anyone who can get the State Legislature to act is deserving of recognition."

Vecchio said that Kristina's mother, Connie, called him requesting that the street be renamed in honor of her daughter's achievement. But Connie Savoca said it was their neighbor Ben Guterman and others who conceived the idea.

"Everybody got together on the street and said that even though it's a state event, it's a very personal thing for Smithtown," Guterman said.

So last Monday, the town traffic safety department put up the additional sign as about 50 of Kristina's

neighbors and friends looked on. Vecchio said the creation of Ladybug Lane is the first time the town has honored someone's individual achievement. Tomorrow, when the street-sign comes down, it will be given to Kristina as a souvenir.

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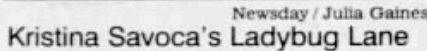


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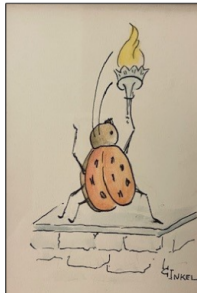
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Use details from the text to explain why Kristina’s street was temporarily renamed “Ladybug Lane”.

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