

SENATE No. 2259

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to naming the Winchester center station after Governor John A. Volpe.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Vincent Lawrence Dixon
Philip Frattaroli

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By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2259) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon and Philip Frattaroli for legislation relative to name the Winchester center station after Governor John A. Volpe. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to naming the Winchester center station after Governor John A. Volpe.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the
2 following new chapter:

3 Name of Winchester Center Rail Station

4 The Rail Station, at Winchester Center, Massachusetts, shall be named:

5 The John A. Volpe

6 Winchester Center Station

7 SECTION 2. PURPOSE: Memorializing Governor John A. Volpe

8 John A. Volpe, a remarkable, and important individual in Massachusetts History, lived a
9 significant portion of his life, particularly most of his public life, in Winchester, Massachusetts,
10 and should be publicly recognized, within its boundaries. Among his actions, was speaking at the

11 actual original dedication of the elevated Winchester Center Station, having made the decision,
12 for the new format of the station, which has saved numerous uncounted lives, over many
13 decades.

14 Among many details, of an energetic, enthusiastic, and committed public life, are known
15 significant achievements:

- 16 • Governor of Massachusetts, for three terms
- 17 • United States Secretary of Transportation
- 18 • United States Ambassador to Italy
- 19 • Construction Contractor
- 20 • Navy Seabee
- 21 • Winchester Town Meeting Member
- 22 • Known National Figure
- 23 • Chair, first national commission on drunk driving, and driving safety
- 24 • Strong local Charity Interests, And Activities
- 25 • A wide range of personal stories, and individual interactions with numerous
26 people, over his entire life

27 SECTION 3. MEMORIAL DETAILS

28 A Volpe Memorial Working Group (VMWG) shall be established, with representatives,
29 of the Town of Winchester, the MBTA, and the Winchester Volpe Memorial Group, to carry out

30 proper signage, appropriate design work, and suitable historical memorial information, in the
31 formal naming of the John A. Volpe Winchester Center Station.

32 The Volpe Memorial Working Group, shall keep records of their meetings, and keep a
33 spirit of relevant ad hoc, energetic membership, as would befit Governor Volpe.