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MEMORIAL TOWER FOR WHITEFACE MT. VETOED

By Governor Lehman—Disapproves
Feinberg-Porter Measure—Grounds
of Marring Mountain Grandeur

Governor Lehman on Wednesday vetoed the bill for the erection of a tower as a memorial to the State's World War Veterans on Whiteface Mountain. In writing not approved to the bill, the Governor said:

In 1929 the Legislature passed an act to provide for the construction of a state highway, in Essex County from Wilmington to the top of Whiteface Mountain. The Whiteface Mountain Highway Commission was given the power to execute the work.

This bill amends that act so as to vest in the Commission the additional power to erect a memorial tower at the top of the mountain. It is intended that the tower be constructed so that it will have a large reflecting beacon.

The construction of this tower would disfigure the natural beauty of Whiteface Mountain. It would mar its nobility and grandeur. The mountain's wilderness should be preserved. No matter how artistic that tower might be, the majestic summit of Whiteface Mountain would suffer.

While I am generally most sympathetic with memorials to our veterans, I believe that it would be singularly inappropriate to bear evidence to their courage, sacrifice and service by the erection of a high tower at the top of Whiteface Mountain.

The bill is therefore disapproved.