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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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Senator JENNIFER BECK

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

Senator JOSEPH M. KYRILLOS, JR.

District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Designates "Red Bank Train Station" as "Daniel J. O'Hern Station – Red Bank, New Jersey."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT designating the railroad station operated by the New Jersey
2 Transit Corporation in the Borough of Red Bank as the "Daniel
3 J. O'Hern Station – Red Bank, New Jersey."
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

9 a. The railroad station operated by the New Jersey Transit
10 Corporation in the Borough of Red Bank is currently known as the
11 "Red Bank Station."

12 b. Justice Daniel J. O'Hern, an extraordinary figure in the public
13 life of New Jersey, was born in Red Bank, New Jersey on May 23,
14 1930 and passed away on April 1, 2009.

15 c. Justice O'Hern devotedly served the people of this State and
16 the Borough of Red Bank as a revered member of the State's highest
17 Court for nearly two decades; a chief counsel to the Governor; a
18 commissioner in the executive branch; an elected mayor and
19 councilman; an accomplished attorney; and a leader in civic affairs.
20 Today, New Jersey and the Borough of Red Bank are better places
21 because of him and his exceptional service.

22 d. After graduating from Fordham College, cum laude, Justice
23 O'Hern served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954, during
24 a time when the United States was at war in Korea.

25 e. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1957, cum
26 laude, Justice O'Hern served as a judicial clerk to United States
27 Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., another native New
28 Jerseyan.

29 f. Upon completing his clerkship, Justice O'Hern returned home
30 to Red Bank where he practiced law and entered public life.

31 g. Justice O'Hern was elected councilman in Red Bank in 1962
32 and thereafter was elected mayor in 1969, serving in that position
33 until 1978 when Governor Byrne appointed him Commissioner of
34 Environmental Protection.

35 h. Governor Byrne later appointed Justice O'Hern as his chief
36 counsel in 1979 before nominating him to the New Jersey Supreme
37 Court in 1981, where he served until 2000.

38 i. It was during Justice O'Hern's time as chief counsel that the
39 New Jersey Transit Corporation was founded.

40 j. Justice O'Hern achieved numerous accomplishments during
41 his tenure as mayor and governed effectively during some
42 challenging times, but one of his most remarkable achievements
43 was leading the effort to preserve and refurbish the Red Bank
44 Station, which ultimately led to the station being placed on the
45 National Historic Register in 1976.

46 k. Justice O'Hern tirelessly dedicated his life to the people of
47 Red Bank and the people of New Jersey.

