

ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 66

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably Assembly Resolution No. 66.

This resolution honors and salutes the New Jersey Youth Corps for its 28 years of commitment to the young people of this State. The New Jersey Youth Corps program was established upon enactment of the “New Jersey Youth Corps Act,” P.L.1984, c.198 (C.9:25-1 et seq.). The New Jersey Youth Corps is known and respected as one of the largest youth service corps in the country.

Participants of the New Jersey Youth Corps gain life skills that enhance their employability and their surrounding communities. Young adults in the New Jersey Youth Corps participate in personal and career counseling, as well as educational development through a comprehensive service-learning approach that provides each individual with the tools to meet their potential in life.

The resolution acknowledges that the New Jersey Youth Corps has been validated by the United States Department of Education as an effective, replicable program designed to meet critical needs, and has been recognized by the United States Department of Labor as one of the ten most effective youth programs. During its 28 years of existence, the New Jersey Youth Corps has provided over 3,847,270 hours of community service to this State and its citizens at a value, in today’s dollars, of over \$96.9 million.

This resolution praises the mission of the New Jersey Youth Corps, which is to engage young adults and to help them reach their potential by offering a comprehensive program of community service, work-based learning, and academic instruction.

Finally, this resolution pays tribute to the outstanding record of service and leadership of the New Jersey Youth Corps.