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SYNOPSIS

Designates Morris Plains rail station as “Frank J. Druetzler Station – Morris Plains, New Jersey.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on March 18, 2019, with amendments.



- 1 AN ACT designating the Morris Plains rail station as the “Frank J.
2 Druetzler Station – Morris Plains, New Jersey.”
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- 4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank J. Druetzler has lived his entire life
5 in Morris County, first residing in ¹the Township of¹ Hanover
6 before relocating to ¹the Borough of¹ Morris Plains ¹(Morris
7 Plains)¹ in 1960; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Frank J. Druetzler began his distinguished career in public
9 service as a member of the Morris Plains Borough Council; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In 1986, Frank J. Druetzler was elected Mayor of Morris
11 Plains where, over a 32 year career, he had many significant
12 achievements; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mayor Druetzler was responsible for the creation of
14 several events that have made Morris Plains a place that children
15 and their families have loved to call “home,” including the annual
16 Memorial Day parade, “Family Day,” the town bonfire, and “Uncle
17 Frank’s Fishing Contest”; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mayor Druetzler truly embodies all that makes Morris
19 Plains “The Community of Caring”; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mayor Druetzler led efforts to expand the Morris Plains
21 park system and convert the Community Park School into a heavily
22 used and deeply appreciated community center; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Mayor Druetzler led efforts to create the Morris Plains
24 September 11, 2001, memorial, which features ¹**[3]** three¹ steel
25 beams from the North Tower of the World Trade Center; and
- 26 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Mayor of Morris Plains, Frank J.
27 Druetzler also served as a member of the Board of Chosen
28 Freeholders in Morris County from 1992 to 2006; and
- 29 WHEREAS, As a Freeholder, Frank J. Druetzler was part of the board
30 that voted for the construction of a \$32 million, state-of-the-art
31 corrections facility in ¹**[Morris Township]** the Township of
32 Morris¹; and
- 33 WHEREAS, As a Freeholder, Frank J. Druetzler is also credited with
34 leading efforts to expand and renovate the county juvenile detention
35 center and human services building; and
- 36 WHEREAS, As a Freeholder, Frank J. Druetzler led the preservation of
37 300 acres of land at Greystone, which has now become the
38 preeminent park to enjoy in Morris County; and
- 39 WHEREAS, Mayor Druetzler’s extensive record of inspired and
40 effective civic leadership has earned for him the deepest respect and
41 regard of his fellow citizens, and his steadfast dedication has
42 exemplified the true meaning of selfless public service; and
- 43 WHEREAS, The strength and success of the State of New Jersey, the
44 vitality of its communities and the effectiveness of our American

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

1 society depend, in great measure, upon dynamic and selfless
2 individuals, as exemplified by Mayor Frank J. Druetzler; and

3 **WHEREAS**, With an unwavering devotion to the people of Morris
4 Plains and Morris County, it is fitting and proper for the Legislature
5 of the State of New Jersey to honor Frank J. Druetzler by
6 designating the Morris Plains rail station as the “Frank J. Druetzler
7 Station – Morris Plains, New Jersey”; now, therefore,

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9 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
10 *of New Jersey:*

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12 ¹**1.** The Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
13 Corporation shall designate the Morris Plains rail station as the
14 “Frank J. Druetzler Station – Morris Plains, New Jersey” in
15 commemoration of his outstanding service and erect appropriate
16 signs bearing this designation and dedication. ¹

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18 ¹1. The rail station operated by the New Jersey Transit
19 Corporation in the Borough of Morris Plains and known as the
20 “Morris Plains Station” is designated as the “Frank J. Druetzler
21 Station – Morris Plains, New Jersey” and shall henceforth
22 ceremoniously be known by that name. ¹

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24 2. State or other public funds shall not be used for producing,
25 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established
26 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Executive Director of the New
27 Jersey Transit Corporation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or
28 other financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of
29 funding or reimbursing the New Jersey Transit Corporation for the
30 costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and
31 maintaining signs bearing the designation established pursuant to
32 section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto,
33 with private sources, including but not limited to non-governmental
34 non-profit, educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work
35 shall not proceed and funding shall not be accepted by the New
36 Jersey Transit Corporation until an agreement has been reached
37 with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with
38 producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.