

SENATE, No. 2323

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 1997

By Senators BASSANO, MARTIN and MacInnes

1 AN ACT designating the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital  
2 as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

8 a. Ann Rosenweig Klein, who died February 23, 1986, led an  
9 extensive life of public service in the State of New Jersey, beginning  
10 in 1967 when she was elected president of the New Jersey League of  
11 Women Voters for a period of three years;

12 b. In 1971, Ann Klein was elected to the New Jersey General  
13 Assembly, then resigned in 1973 to become a candidate for Governor  
14 of New Jersey;

15 c. Following this campaign, Ann Klein was appointed as the first  
16 woman commissioner of the Department of Institutions and Agencies  
17 and, when the department was reorganized and renamed the  
18 Department of Human Services in 1976, she served as that  
19 department's first commissioner;

20 d. During her years of service in Governor Brendan Byrne's  
21 cabinet from 1974 to 1981, Ann Klein, because of her great concern  
22 for all people, remained a passionate advocate for the rights of the  
23 poor, the disabled, the mentally ill, and the elderly and while devoting  
24 herself to improving the quality of life for institutionalized persons, she  
25 worked constantly for the normalization of life for disabled persons;

26 e. In 1982, following another campaign for governor, Ann Klein  
27 was appointed an administrative law judge until her resignation due to  
28 illness in 1984; and

29 f. It is altogether fitting and proper that the Forensic Unit at  
30 Trenton Psychiatric Hospital bears the name of Ann Klein, whose  
31 distinguished career in public service in New Jersey was marked by a  
32 compassionate commitment to and advocacy for mentally ill,  
33 institutionalized persons.

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35 2. The Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital is designated  
36 as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."

1       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill designates the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric  
7 Hospital as the "Ann Klein Forensic Unit" in honor of her  
8 distinguished record of public service to New Jersey and her tireless  
9 effort to improve the lives of others.

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14 Designates the Forensic Unit at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital as the  
15 "Ann Klein Forensic Unit."