

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 45

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 21, 1997

By Senator McGREEVEY

- 1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** calling on Congress and the United States
2 Postal Service to name the Post Office at 205 Jefferson Street in
3 Perth Amboy after the late Congressman Edward J. Patten.
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, The Honorable Edward J. Patten who passed away on
6 September 19, 1994, at the age of 89, was a well-beloved person
7 with a long and productive career of dedicated service in federal,
8 State and local government; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Patten served as mayor of Perth Amboy from 1934 to
10 1940, the city's youngest-ever mayor, and as Middlesex County
11 Clerk from 1940 to 1954; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, He served as campaign manager to former Governor
13 Robert B. Meyner in 1953 and 1957 and was appointed to serve as
14 New Jersey Secretary of State in 1954 and was reappointed in
15 1958, serving until 1962; and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Patten was elected to Congress in 1962 from the 15th
17 District in Middlesex County and was re-elected eight times,
18 serving until 1981 during which time he devoted himself to the
19 service of his constituents; and
- 20 **WHEREAS**, During his tenure in Congress, Mr. Patten served on the
21 House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Labor,
22 Health, Education and Welfare and the House Science, Space and
23 Aeronautics Committee and was instrumental in providing millions
24 of dollars in federal grants to Middlesex County and its
25 communities for education, scientific research, hospitals and the
26 handicapped, and also sponsored several laws which benefit many
27 Americans, including students, senior citizens and the disabled; and
- 28 **WHEREAS**, In 1980, Mr. Patten was bestowed the Rutgers University
29 Award, its highest honor, for his service and leadership as one of
30 the greatest supporters of higher education in the United States and
31 as a strong and consistent advocate of federal support of student
32 aid programs and university research activities; and
- 33 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Patten took a leadership role in a wide range
34 of civic, fraternal and charitable programs in Perth Amboy,
35 Middlesex County and this State, including service as president of

1 the Perth Amboy and Middlesex County Bar Associations, and as
2 director of the State League of Municipalities, and received many
3 civic, cultural, and other awards; and

4 **WHEREAS**, It would be a fitting tribute to this man who served so well
5 and in such a distinguished manner not only the constituents of his
6 district but all the people of New Jersey to name the Post Office at
7 205 Jefferson Street in Perth Amboy after him; now, therefore,
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9 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
10 *of New Jersey:*
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12 1. The Legislature and Governor of the State of New Jersey call
13 upon the Congress and the United States Postal Service to name the
14 Post Office at 205 Jefferson Street in Perth Amboy after the late
15 Congressman Edward J. Patten.
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17 2. Duly authenticated copies of this joint resolution shall be
18 transmitted to the Postmaster General of the United States, to the
19 presiding officers of the United States Senate and House of
20 Representatives, and to every member of the Congress elected from
21 this State.
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23 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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