

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 31

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator SACCO

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** honoring the Division of State Police on its 75th
2 anniversary.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Seventy-five years ago, on March 29, 1921, Governor Edward
5 I. Edwards signed P.L.1921, c.102, creating and establishing the New
6 Jersey State Police, and on July 1, 1921 Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf
7 was appointed the first Superintendent of State Police; and
8 **WHEREAS**, On December 21, 1921, 81 troopers and officers set out from
9 Trenton on horseback and motorcycles to take up their assignments as
10 New Jersey's first Statewide police force; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Since the creation of the State Police, its members have served
12 with great distinction and honor, and have exhibited unparalleled
13 professionalism in so many of New Jersey's historic events, such as the
14 Hall-Mills murder trial, the Lindbergh kidnapping, the Hindenburg zeppelin
15 disaster and the Woodbridge train wreck; and
16 **WHEREAS**, The State Police's history is replete with commendations for
17 innovation and expertise in criminal investigations, traffic enforcement and
18 technical services, such as the establishment of the nation's first State Police
19 Underwater Recovery Unit, and technological advances including the
20 Automated Fingerprint Identification System, and the DNA database and
21 databank, which permits the inclusion of DNA records in the FBI's national
22 identification index system; and
23 **WHEREAS**, The State Police provide effective Statewide enforcement of the
24 criminal, motor vehicle, marine and alcoholic beverage control laws, direct
25 and coordinate the vital State Emergency Management program, and
26 maintain the State Police Museum and Learning Center as a fitting tribute
27 to the men and women who have served and protected the people of this
28 great State as State Police troopers and officers; and
29 **WHEREAS**, The State Police fearlessly patrol our roadways, including the New
30 Jersey Turnpike, the nation's busiest limited access nonstop toll road, while
31 increasing the public safety for roadway users; and

1 **WHEREAS**, The 2,500 State Troopers serve with dedication, determination
2 and daring, and personify the code of honor, duty and fidelity symbolized
3 by the familiar triangle emblem; now, therefore,

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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7 1. This House commemorates the State Police for its 75 years of service,
8 protection and dedication to the citizens of this fine State, and honors the State
9 Troopers and Officers for their valuable services and accomplishments.

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11 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President of
12 the Senate and attested to by the Secretary of the Senate shall be transmitted
13 to the Superintendent of State Police.

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16 **STATEMENT**

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18 This resolution commemorates the State Police on its 75th anniversary.
19 The State Police Troopers and Officers serve with honor, duty and fidelity,
20 and are New Jersey's premiere law enforcement agency. The State Police are
21 a valuable asset to this State, and deserve to be honored.

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26 Honors State Police on its 75th anniversary.