

CHAPTER 17

AN ACT designating the State office building in the City of Asbury Park as the "Thomas S. Smith, Sr. State Office Building," and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. Assemblyman Thomas S. Smith, Sr., who died on September 26, 2002 at the age of 84, served as a respected member of the New Jersey Legislature for 11 years and held important leadership positions of Deputy Speaker and Majority Whip;
 - b. Assemblyman Smith was known as a friend and advocate to the citizens of his district whom he served with dedication and commitment;
 - c. Assemblyman Smith provided a strong, yet quiet wisdom to the General Assembly and will be remembered as the "voice of reason";
 - d. During his career, Assemblyman Smith also served with distinction as Mayor and City Councilman of Asbury Park and as Police Chief of that city, where he resided for over 65 years;
 - e. Assemblyman Thomas S. Smith, Sr.'s efforts led to the construction of a State office building at 630 Bangs Avenue in the City of Asbury Park; and
 - f. It is appropriate that this State office building should bear the name of a man who, through his tireless public service, provided a model of excellence and commitment that will serve to inspire and encourage others.

2. The State office building at 630 Bangs Avenue in the City of Asbury Park is designated as the "Thomas S. Smith, Sr. State Office Building."

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 3, 2003.