

## CHAPTER 198

AN ACT concerning remains of the victims of September 11, 2001.

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

C.32:1-35.52a Findings, declarations relative to remains of victims of September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. The unprovoked attack on the United States carried out by international terrorists on September 11, 2001 against targets in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Arlington, Virginia resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent people, injury to countless others, and the disruption of innumerable lives.

b. Among the victims of this depraved act were civilian and government workers, military personnel, airline passengers and crew members, police officers, firefighters and paramedics, many of whom resided in this State.

c. The remains of many victims of the World Trade Center attacks were never located.

d. The ash from the World Trade Center site, which contains remains of the victims of September 11, 2001, has been held at Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island, New York.

e. This ash should be covered and placed in containers to eventually be transported to the World Trade Center site to become a part of the memorial that will be built at this location.

f. It is fitting and proper for the State to honor the victims of September 11, 2001 by returning their ashes to the site of a memorial at the World Trade Center in their honor.

C.32:1-35.52b Remains to be used in memorial.

2. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shall cover the site of the remains of the victims of September 11, 2001 and transport those remains in containers to be used in a memorial at the World Trade Center site that will be built in their honor.

3. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the State of New York of legislation having an identical effect with this act, but if the State of New York has already enacted such legislation, this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 24, 2003.