

CHAPTER 51

AN ACT designating U.S. Route No. 9 in Cape May County as the "Police Unity Tour Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, The Police Unity Tour was created in 1997 to raise public awareness of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C., and to raise monetary support for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, both established by Congress in recognition of the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across this nation who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Police Unity Tour, a non-profit organization, has grown since its inception from a few members in a local chapter in New Jersey to over 750 members in eight chapters located throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The Police Unity Tour continues to honor the many officers who have died in the line of duty and raise public awareness and financial support for the national memorial and memorial fund with a fundraising bicycle ride to the national memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Police Unity Tour, Chapter Two, carry on this tradition and make the annual journey to the national memorial, traveling along Route 9 in Cape May County and stopping at various locations throughout the county to honor fallen officers; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey commemorate the sacrifice made by the many law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in this State, and recognize the members of the Police Unity Tour, who tirelessly honor the memory and service of their fallen brothers and sisters, by designating U.S. Route No. 9 in Cape May County as "Police Unity Tour Memorial Highway;" now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate U.S. Route No. 9 in Cape May County as the "Police Unity Tour Memorial Highway" and erect appropriate signs bearing the designation and the dedication of the highway in honor of the Police Unity Tour.

2. No State or other public funds shall be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial aid in any form from any private source for the purpose of funding the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs pursuant to section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 5, 2008.