

## CHAPTER 50

**AN ACT** designating the Engineering and Operations Building of the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Ewing Township as the “Jack Freidenrich Engineering and Operations Building.”

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Transportation has its main office building in the Township of Ewing in Mercer County wherein are located the offices of the Commissioner of Transportation and the professional staff of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, It is entirely appropriate that the Engineering and Operations Building of the Department of Transportation should be named in honor of Jack Freidenrich who served as the Assistant Commissioner for Engineering and Operations of the department from 1984 through 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freidenrich graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University with a degree in Civil Engineering and did graduate work in structures and soils at New York University; and

**WHEREAS**, After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Mr. Freidenrich began his career with the Department of Transportation in 1949 as a Junior Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freidenrich advanced his way through the Department of Transportation, holding the positions of Chief Bridge Engineer, Assistant State Highway Engineer, State Highway Engineer and Director of Engineering and Operations of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1984, Mr. Freidenrich was given the responsibility of serving as Assistant Commissioner for Engineering and Operations for the Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freidenrich has the distinction of having served the longest term as the State Highway Engineer from 1971 to 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to carrying out his many duties in service of the State of New Jersey, Mr. Freidenrich served as President of the Northeast Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and participated on numerous committees of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the Transportation Research Board. Mr. Freidenrich also served as Chairperson of AASHTO’s subcommittee on Bridges and Structures; and

**WHEREAS**, During his distinguished career, Mr. Freidenrich was honored with several “Engineer of the Year” awards and was the recipient of AASHTO’S prestigious McDonald Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Freidenrich’s career at the Department of Transportation was contemporaneous with the advancement of the Interstate Highway System in New Jersey and Mr. Freidenrich played a key role in planning, designing and constructing New Jersey’s interstates; and

**WHEREAS**, By his long and dedicated career with the Department of Transportation, Jack Freidenrich, who passed away on December 28, 2006, provides a noteworthy example of personal commitment to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize and honor Mr. Freidenrich’s service and contributions by designating the Engineering and Operations Building of the New Jersey Department of Transportation in Ewing Township as the “Jack Freidenrich Engineering and Operations Building”; now, therefore,

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

1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the Engineering and Operations Building of the Department of Transportation in the township of Ewing in the county of

Mercer as the “Jack Freidenrich Engineering and Operations Building.” The commissioner shall erect appropriate signs bearing that designation.

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

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 4, 2009.