

## CHAPTER 111

AN ACT designating the railroad station operated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation in the Borough of Red Bank as the "Daniel J. O'Hern Station – Red Bank, New Jersey."

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

1. The Legislature finds and declares:
  - a. The railroad station operated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation in the Borough of Red Bank is currently known as the "Red Bank Station."
  - b. Justice Daniel J. O'Hern, an extraordinary figure in the public life of New Jersey, was born in Red Bank, New Jersey on May 23, 1930 and passed away on April 1, 2009.
  - c. Justice O'Hern devotedly served the people of this State and the Borough of Red Bank as a revered member of the State's highest Court for nearly two decades; a chief counsel to the Governor; a commissioner in the executive branch; an elected mayor and councilman; an accomplished attorney; and a leader in civic affairs. Today, New Jersey and the Borough of Red Bank are better places because of him and his exceptional service.
  - d. After graduating from Fordham College, cum laude, Justice O'Hern served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954, during a time when the United States was at war in Korea.
  - e. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1957, cum laude, Justice O'Hern served as a judicial clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., another native New Jerseyan.
  - f. Upon completing his clerkship, Justice O'Hern returned home to Red Bank where he practiced law and entered public life.
  - g. Justice O'Hern was elected councilman in Red Bank in 1962 and thereafter was elected mayor in 1969, serving in that position until 1978 when Governor Byrne appointed him Commissioner of Environmental Protection.
  - h. Governor Byrne later appointed Justice O'Hern as his chief counsel in 1979 before nominating him to the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1981, where he served until 2000.
  - i. It was during Justice O'Hern's time as chief counsel that the New Jersey Transit Corporation was founded.
  - j. Justice O'Hern achieved numerous accomplishments during his tenure as mayor and governed effectively during some challenging times, but one of his most remarkable achievements was leading the effort to preserve and refurbish the Red Bank Station, which ultimately led to the station being placed on the National Historic Register in 1976.
  - k. Justice O'Hern tirelessly dedicated his life to the people of Red Bank and the people of New Jersey.
  - l. It is fitting and proper that, in honor of Justice Daniel J. O'Hern's commitment to the people of Red Bank and the people of New Jersey, "Red Bank Train Station" be designated as the "Daniel J. O'Hern Station - Red Bank, New Jersey."
2. The railroad station operated by the New Jersey Transit Corporation (the "corporation") in the Borough of Red Bank and known as the "Red Bank Station" is designated as the "Daniel J. O'Hern Station – Red Bank, New Jersey" and shall henceforth ceremoniously be known by that name.
3. The corporation shall reflect the new designation of the station by a plaque to be installed at the station.

4. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following enactment.

Approved August 18, 2011.