

## CHAPTER 81

**AN ACT** designating the portion of the U.S. Route 206 bypass in the Township of Hillsborough in Somerset County as the “Peter J. Biondi Bypass.”

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi was born in Newark in 1942, raised in Union City, and settled in Hillsborough where he lived for 35 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi proudly served in the United States Army Reserve from 1961 to 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi was elected to the Hillsborough Township Committee in 1983 and served as mayor of Hillsborough from 1986 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, In Hillsborough, Assemblyman Biondi was active in many local organizations, including the Volunteer Fire Companies 1, 2, and 3, the Rotary Club of Hillsborough, the Youth Services Committee, the Boys Football Association, the Little League, and the RAIDER Touchdown Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi supported young political candidates in Hillsborough, strongly believing in the presence of young people in government in an effort to improve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi was elected to the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1994 and was subsequently elected to the General Assembly in 1997, where he represented the 16th Legislative District and served for 14 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi served as Republican Conference leader in the General Assembly through 2008 and as the General Assembly’s Assistant Republican Leader from 2002 to 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi served on the Human Services Committee, the Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Transportation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi was extraordinarily dedicated to community service, belonging to numerous organizations including The Resource Center for Women and their Families, The Otto Gasell Foundation, the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Biondi lost his battle with cancer on November 10, 2011, shortly after winning re-election to his seat in the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, A renowned storyteller and conversationalist, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, Assemblyman Biondi will be greatly missed by his family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper that the State of New Jersey recognize Assemblyman Peter J. Biondi’s commitment to the people of Hillsborough Township and the State of New Jersey by designating the U.S. Route 206 bypass in Hillsborough Township as the “Peter J. Biondi Bypass”; 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 portion of the U.S. Route 206 bypass in Hillsborough Township in Somerset County as the “Peter J. Biondi Bypass” and shall erect appropriate signs bearing this name.

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 or reimbursing the Department of

Transportation for the costs associated with producing, purchasing, and erecting signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with such private sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit, educational or charitable entities or institutions. No work shall proceed, and no funding shall be accepted by the Department of Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing, purchasing, erecting and maintaining the signs.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 17, 2013.