STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 325

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 325.

As reported, this bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) to identify a series of New Jersey historic sites and memorials, as that term is defined in the bill, located within or around its rail stations and bus and rail terminals. The NJT is then to design, purchase, erect, and maintain a historic marker describing the persons, places, and events commemorated and having other suitable inscription as the NJT may deem necessary.

The bill requires the New Jersey historic sites and memorials to be inclusive of all eras and diverse cultural aspects of New Jersey's history, as well as be geographically representative of the entire State. The bill allows the NJT to seek the assistance and cooperation of local government officials and entities, owners, or operators of historic sites and memorials in the State, or entities that identify and compile data on historical sites and memorials.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.