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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 400, *approved January 18, 2022*
Senate, No. 3342

- 1 **AN ACT** directing the New Jersey Transit Corporation to erect and
2 maintain a statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph, supplementing
3 P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1, et seq.), and making an
4 appropriation.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 1. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall erect and maintain
10 a statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph to be located at Newark
11 Penn Station.
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13 2. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Essex
14 County Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute the sum of
15 \$90,000 for the purpose of erecting a statue in honor of A. Philip
16 Randolph.
17 b. This appropriation shall be conditioned upon the New Jersey
18 Transit Corporation and the Essex County Chapter of the A. Philip
19 Randolph Institute entering into a formal agreement in which:
20 (1) The Essex County Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph
21 Institute shall agree to pay for the creation of a statue in honor of A.
22 Philip Randolph using appropriated funds as well as any other
23 required additional funds, which the Essex County Chapter of the
24 A. Philip Randolph Institute may receive from gifts, grants, or other
25 forms of financial assistance from private sources, including but not
26 limited to non-governmental non-profit, educational, or charitable
27 entities or institutions;
28 (2) The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall agree to make
29 space available at Newark Penn Station for the placement of the
30 statue; and
31 (3) Upon delivery of the statue, the New Jersey Transit
32 Corporation shall agree to pay for the cost of erecting the statue as
33 well as the cost of any ongoing maintenance.
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35 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
36 inoperative until the formal agreement between Essex County

1 Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and New Jersey Transit
2 Corporation described in section 2 of this act is signed.

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5 STATEMENT

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7 This bill makes an appropriation of \$90,000 to the Essex County
8 Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute for the purpose of
9 erecting a statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph to be located at
10 Newark Penn Station.

11 A. Philip Randolph was an American labor leader, civil rights
12 activist, and politician. From his 1912 co-founding of an
13 employment agency called the Brotherhood of Labor, to the
14 organization of the 1963 March on Washington where he shared the
15 podium with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who delivered his famous
16 "I Have a Dream" speech, Mr. Randolph was a leading figure
17 before, during and after the Civil Rights era.

18 Mr. Randolph also founded of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car
19 Porters in 1925, which by 1937 had become the first official
20 African American labor union, which continues to exist through the
21 Transportation Communications International Union and co-
22 founded the political magazine *The Messenger* in 1917, which
23 published articles calling for the inclusion of more Black people in
24 the armed forces and war industry and demanding higher wages for
25 Black workers. Mr. Randolph's accomplishments were further
26 recognized when he was presented with the Presidential Medal of
27 Freedom in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

28 In an effort to continue the work he had dedicated his life to, Mr.
29 Randolph co-founded the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an
30 organization aimed at studying the causes of poverty which
31 continues to fight for racial equality and economic justice through
32 its numerous chapters located throughout the country with three
33 located in New Jersey. Mr. Randolph created an alliance between
34 the civil rights movement and the labor movement, with the goal of
35 uniting people of all backgrounds in the collective goals of political
36 and social freedom and economic justice. The triumphs and
37 accomplishments of A. Philip Randolph are just as important today
38 as they were during his lifetime and should be commemorated
39 through a visual representation of the man himself.

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44 Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph;
45 appropriates \$90,000.