

SENATE, No. 1757

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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Senator VIN GOPAL
District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Designates portion of State Highway Route 36 in Borough of Eatontown as
“Mayor Gerald J. Tarantolo Boulevard.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** designating the portion of State Highway Route 36 in the
2 Borough of Eatontown as the “Mayor Gerald J. Tarantolo
3 Boulevard.”
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5 **WHEREAS**, The Honorable Gerald “Gerry” J. Tarantolo, a man known
6 for ethics, vision, and compassion, has served the Borough of
7 Eatontown for over 40 years; and
8 **WHEREAS**, As a pillar of the community, Mayor Tarantolo is a retired
9 electrical engineer, who has lived in the Borough of Eatontown for
10 over 50 years with his wife and children; and
11 **WHEREAS**, An honorable and courageous man who enjoys serving
12 others, Mayor Tarantolo began his career in service by serving the
13 country and the State as a servicemember in the United States Air
14 Force and the New Jersey Air National Guard; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Tarantolo has provided the Borough of Eatontown
16 with a lifetime of public service, beginning in 1975 with his
17 election to the Eatontown Board of Education, on which he served
18 for 10 years with three years as the President of the Eatontown
19 Board of Education; and
20 **WHEREAS**, In 1985, Mayor Tarantolo was elected to fill an unexpired
21 term on the Eatontown Borough Council and was then re-elected to
22 the council four more times; and
23 **WHEREAS**, In 1998, Mayor Tarantolo was elected to the first of four
24 terms as Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown; and
25 **WHEREAS**, During his tenure, Mayor Tarantolo established the
26 Eatontown Economic Development Advisory Committee and the
27 Eatontown Green Team, which was created to implement
28 environmental policies, programs, and education initiatives in the
29 Borough of Eatontown; and
30 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Tarantolo also served on the Board of Directors of
31 the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, as Chairman of the Two
32 River Council of Mayors, and as First Vice President of the New
33 Jersey League of Municipalities; and
34 **WHEREAS**, In honor of his service to the community, in 2007, Mayor
35 Tarantolo was awarded the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of
36 Commerce Spinnaker Award for Public Service and, in 2010, he
37 was awarded the Social Community Activities Network
38 Humanitarian Award; and
39 **WHEREAS**, With an unwavering devotion to the residents of the
40 Borough of Eatontown and Monmouth County, it is fitting and
41 proper for the Legislature to honor the public service career of
42 Mayor Gerald J. Tarantolo by designating the portion of State
43 Highway Route No. 36 in the Borough of Eatontown as the “Mayor
44 Gerald J. Tarantolo Boulevard”; now, therefore,
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46 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
47 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Commissioner of Transportation shall designate the
2 portion of State Highway Route 36, extending from milepost 0 to
3 milepost 2.56, in the Borough of Eatontown in Monmouth County
4 as the “Mayor Gerald J. Tarantolo Boulevard” and erect appropriate
5 signs bearing this designation and dedication.

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7 2. State or other public funds shall not be used for producing,
8 purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation established
9 pursuant to section 1 of this act. The Commissioner of
10 Transportation is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other
11 financial assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding
12 or reimbursing the Department of Transportation for the costs
13 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining
14 signs bearing the designation established pursuant to section 1 of
15 this act and entering into agreements related thereto, with private
16 sources, including but not limited to non-governmental non-profit,
17 educational, or charitable entities or institutions. Work shall not
18 proceed and funding shall not be accepted by the Department of
19 Transportation until an agreement has been reached with a
20 responsible party for paying the costs associated with producing,
21 purchasing, erecting, and maintaining the signs.

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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill designates State Highway Route 36 in the Borough
29 Eatontown in Monmouth County as the “Mayoral Gerald J.
30 Tarantolo Boulevard” to honor the public service career of Mayor
31 Gerald J. Tarantolo, who is a pillar of the Eatontown community
32 previously serving the Borough of Eatontown in various positions
33 for over 40 years.

34 Consistent with Department of Transportation policy and other
35 road designations, the bill provides that State or other public funds
36 are not to be used for producing, purchasing, or erecting signs
37 bearing the designation for the “Mayor Gerald J. Tarantolo
38 Boulevard.” The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to
39 receive financial assistance from private sources for the costs
40 associated with producing, purchasing, erecting, and maintaining
41 signs bearing the designation.