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Senate, No. 3439

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6 and State Senator from Atlantic County, was born on November 8,  
7 1948 in Philadelphia, lived most of his adult life in Atlantic City  
8 and died unexpectedly at his home in the city on August 22, 2017;  
9 and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Senator Whelan graduated from Temple University, where  
11 he was a nationally-ranked distance swimmer, spent his summers as  
12 an ocean lifeguard, and earned a Master’s Degree in Education  
13 from Temple University while working as a teacher and swimming  
14 coach; and
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16 while teaching in the Atlantic City school system, serving as a  
17 councilman in the city from 1982 to 1990, and as mayor from 1990  
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20 more than \$4.5 billion in new business starts and expansions that  
21 created thousands of jobs, and the city saw the resurgence and  
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28 where he served for the next decade, sponsoring multiple pieces of  
29 legislation that promoted and protected tourism and the State’s  
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31 budget impasses; and
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33 Atlantic City Tourism District, a law to allow Internet gaming in  
34 the city, and a law to regulate the burgeoning fantasy sports  
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38 sponsorship of a law creating a program to help veterans become  
39 teachers and a law to address the shortage of math and science  
40 teachers in the State; and
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42 known and greatly respected for his kindness, fairness, and decency

1 as a legislator and as the chairman of the Senate State Government  
2 Committee, a position in which he served from February 2010 to  
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4 **WHEREAS**, In Atlantic City, Senator Whelan was greatly loved by  
5 many of the municipality’s residents, many of whom considered  
6 him to be a personal friend and a devoted, caring mentor; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Given Senator Whelan’s many distinguished  
8 accomplishments and memorable achievements on behalf of the  
9 City of Atlantic City and the State of New Jersey, it is proper and  
10 fitting that Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City be designated, in  
11 memory of Senator Whelan, as the “Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall”;  
12 now, therefore,

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14 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
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18 Boardwalk Hall, located at 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New  
19 Jersey, in memory of James “Jim” Whelan, as the “Jim Whelan  
20 Boardwalk Hall” and erect appropriate signs bearing this  
21 designation and dedication.

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23 2. Except for funds of the Casino Reinvestment Development  
24 Authority, State or other public funds shall not be used for  
25 producing, purchasing, or erecting signs bearing the designation  
26 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
27 before the Legislature as this bill). The Governor, or the designee  
28 thereof, is authorized to receive gifts, grants, or other financial  
29 assistance from private sources for the purpose of funding or  
30 reimbursing the Governor, or the designee thereof, for the costs  
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# SENATE, No. 3439

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 5, 2017

**Sponsored by:**

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**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**  
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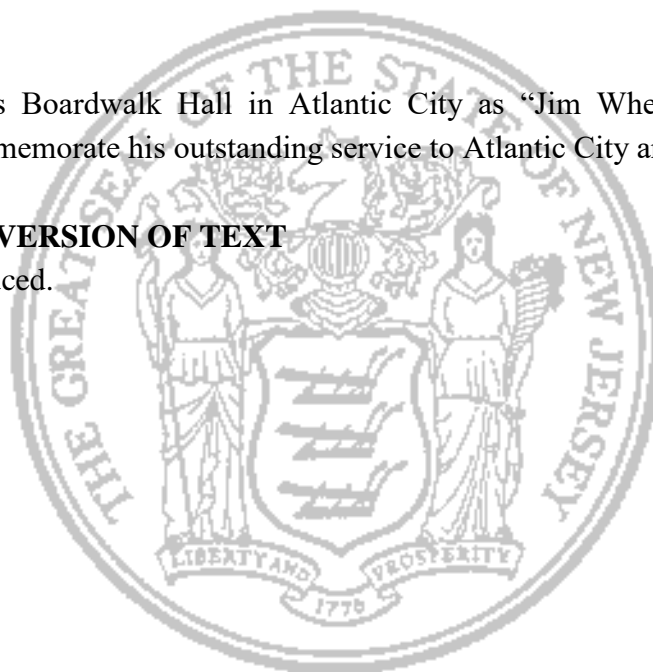
**Senator Ruiz**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/9/2018)

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 5215

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 4, 2017

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI**

**District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)**

**Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/9/2018)**

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