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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2008

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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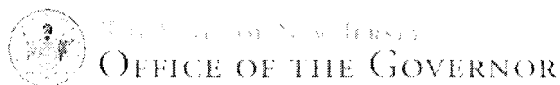
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JON S. CORZINE
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Governor Signs Legislation on U.S. Manufactured Flags

WILLINGBORO - Governor Jon S. Corzine today signed legislation requiring any flag of the United States or of the State of New Jersey that is purchased with State funds be manufactured in the United States.

"Our flag is a symbol of our nation's strength and unity," said Governor Corzine. "It has marched on Revolutionary War battlefields, flown atop Mount Suribachi and has been hoisted on the moon. It is only appropriate then that this most-revered emblem of our nation that represents the courage and sacrifice of our fellow-citizens be produced by American businesses."

"It makes absolutely no sense to allow even one dime of the public's money to be spent on an American flag made anywhere but in America," said Assemblyman Nelson Albano (D-Cumberland /Atlantic/Cape May). "It is bad enough that our state and nation's manufacturing bases have largely evaporated as jobs were shipped elsewhere. Buying the most-recognized symbol of our nation from overseas just adds insult to injury."

"Residents have a reasonable and justifiable expectation that state and national flags bought with their tax dollars are made here," said Assemblywoman Connie Wagner (D-Bergen).

"The flags of our country and our state represent more than two centuries of shared sacrifice and the promises of freedom and liberty," said Assemblyman Matt Milam (D-Cumberland /Atlantic/Cape May). "Allowing public funds to finance corporations that produce flags overseas is a smack in the face of everyone who takes pride in New Jersey and our nation."

In 1776, Betsy Ross made the first American flag and on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act.

Primary sponsors of A-1784/ S-997 are Assemblymen Matthew W. Milam (D-Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland) and Nelson T. Albano (D-Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland), Assemblywomen Connie Wagner (D-Bergen) and Eleese Evans (D-Bergen, Passaic) and Senators Fred H. Madden, Jr. (D-Camden, Gloucester) and Jeff Van Drew (Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland).

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