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SEN. SEAN KEAN NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY PROBATION ASSOCIATION

*Monmouth County State Senator Honored for Support to Improve
Community Supervision System*

Trenton, N.J. – The Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) has chosen Monmouth County state Senator Sean T. Kean (R-Wall Township) as the organization's Legislator of the Year. Kean is a co-sponsor of legislation, Senate Concurrent Resolution 118, that would ask the voters to allow the Legislature to move the Division of Probation from the Judiciary and into the State Parole Board.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, thanked Kean for maintaining an open dialogue on issues affecting probation officers over the years.

“We are proud to call Senator Kean a friend when it comes to public and personal safety matters that mean the most to our probation officers. He has been a constant and loyal ally in our efforts to make common sense improvements to the state's community supervision system,” said Christie. “As the responsibilities of probation such as specialized courts and sentencing requirements expand, our state needs to recognize the importance of providing resources and support to those who supervise offenders in our neighborhoods.”

New Jersey has the ninth largest probation system in the country with an estimated 130,000 adults and 15,000 juveniles under supervision.

“I am honored to be recognized by this fine organization that so capably represents the interests of the state's hard-working probation officers,” said Kean. “I look forward to continuing to work with the Probation Association to help improve our state's probation system in the future.”

Kean serves on the Senate Labor Committee, Senate Transportation Committee and the Legislative Services Commission. He also served in the New Jersey General Assembly from 2002 until 2007. Prior to joining the State Legislature, Kean served as a member of the Wall Township Planning Board and the Monmouth County Environmental Council.

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Senator Kean was honored with the John Augustus Award at the recent 67th annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Tackling Tough Times in 2009" which focused on addressing new and growing issues in the supervision system.

At the group's annual conference, State Senator Sean Kean (D-Monmouth) was honored as legislator of the Year for his support of measures to strengthen the state's community supervision system including a measure to ask voters to allow the Legislature to move the Division of Probation to the State Parole Board. Outstanding leaders among probation officers received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders and serving and leaders in their respective divisions. In addition, six scholarships were presented to deserving students continuing their college education.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.

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