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## **ASSEMBLYMAN THOMAS GIBLIN NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY PROBATION ASSOCIATION**

*Essex County Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin Honored for Dedication and Support to New Jersey's Probation Officers and Citizens*

**Atlantic City, N.J.** – Essex County Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) as the organization's "Legislator of the Year." Giblin is a primary sponsor of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 55 that would allow the Legislature to establish a Bureau of Probation in the State Parole Board rather than continuing to have Probation function as a sub-branch of the court system.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, thanked Giblin for his support of probation officers and lauded him on his dedication to all New Jersey citizens during his political tenure.

"We are proud to have the ongoing support of Assemblyman Giblin. As the number of responsibilities of the state's community supervision system expands, we must have a supporter in our efforts to provide safety and security more efficiently in our neighborhoods. His unrelenting determination to further the well-being of the citizens of New Jersey as well as his understanding of the importance of our mission makes him a valued friend and ally."

Giblin serves in the Assembly on the Regulated Professions Committee (as Vice-Chair), the Higher Education Committee and the Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee. He previously served as a member of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1982-1990 and from 1977-1978, and as the Essex County Surrogate from 1990-1993. He was a longtime chairman of the Essex County Democratic Committee and served four years as chairman of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

This year's PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Net-Working: The New Frontier", deals with new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age. At the 69<sup>th</sup> annual gathering, Assemblyman Thomas Giblin was honored as Legislator of the Year for his continued dedication and support to New Jersey citizens as well as 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 and court supervisors received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders in addition to serving and leading their respective divisions.

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.