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CODEY ON SENATE APPROVAL OF HIGHLANDS LEGISLATION

TRENTON - Senate President Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, issued the following statement on the Senate's approval today of legislation to protect New Jersey's Highlands region from overdevelopment by a vote of 34-2:

"The New Jersey Highlands are vital to the health and well-being of the State of New Jersey. Today in the Senate, we recognized this fact by approving the 'Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act,' which will protect the water supply for more than half the State.

"Through the efforts of Senator Bob Smith, Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, and Senator Stephen M. Sweeney, Vice Chair of the Committee, we have approved a bill which will benefit not only the Highlands region, but every region in New Jersey, through equity in financial aid, and necessary protection of our vital water resources.

"This bill balances the need for water protection with the need for environmentally-sound development in the garden State. It is a fair compromise which will protect the quality of life of New Jerseyans throughout the State for many years to come."

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