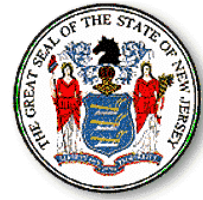


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SENATOR SMITH TO BE HONORED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS

PISCATAWAY – Senator Bob Smith will be honored by the New Jersey Environmental Lobby with their Frank Oliver Environmental Award on April 10.

The Oliver Award was created by the New Jersey Environmental Lobby to recognize public officials and other individuals who demonstrate commitment and courage in protecting our natural environment. Senator Smith will be awarded the Oliver Award for his chairmanship of the Senate Environment Committee and for his sponsorship of the landmark Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, which became law in August 2004.

“Senator Smith has been a steadfast friend of the environment throughout his career in the Legislature,” said Anne Poole, president of the New Jersey Environmental Lobby. “The Highlands law will protect New Jersey’s drinking water supply and the sensitive land in the region for decades to come. The New Jersey Environmental Lobby is proud to bestow this much-deserved award on Senator Smith.”

Senator Smith said: “I am flattered and humbled by this tremendous honor from the New Jersey Environmental Lobby. New Jersey is making tremendous progress toward protecting our vital natural resources for future generations.”

Senator Smith’s most recent piece of strong environmental legislation is Senate Bill No. 1759, which will reduce diesel emissions from trucks and other large, diesel fuel-powered vehicles. The bill was approved by the Senate Environment Committee on March 7 and will now go before the full Senate.

The New Jersey Environmental Lobby’s Award Reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2005, at the Unitarian Society, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. For more information or to RSVP, please call 609-396-3774 or visit www.njenvironment.org.