



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator TURNER, Assemblyman GUSCIORA and Assemblywoman WATSON COLEMAN

**WHEREAS**, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor and salute the Cracker Factory, an esteemed mixed-income housing project in the City of Trenton, Mercer County, as a recipient of the 2011 Smart Growth Award from New Jersey Future, which will be presented during the Tenth Annual Smart Growth Awards Ceremony at the Newark Club on June 9, 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, This prestigious accolade is being bestowed upon the Cracker Factory in the category of Historic District Redevelopment; and,

**WHEREAS**, A collaboration of H.H.G. Development and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, the Cracker Factory project converted a vacant and deteriorated storage warehouse into a premier green workforce housing development, adding value to the local neighborhood while preserving the architectural integrity of the structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Cracker Factory, which features eighteen one- and two-bedroom lofts with gardens, terraces, and garages, stands as a sterling example of how redevelopment that respects historic assets can garner community support and enhance neighborhood vitality; and,

**WHEREAS**, In addition, the Cracker Factory, which was completed in 2009, incorporates such exemplary green technologies as solar panels, energy-efficient electric heat pumps, thermal windows, and Energy Star-compliant appliances; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is both proper and fitting for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to praise the Cracker Factory as an outstanding development which enhances the historic integrity of its original structure while providing affordable home ownership opportunities; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

That this Legislature hereby honors and congratulates the Cracker Factory as the recipient of the 2011 New Jersey Future Smart Growth Award and pays tribute to all those who have made contributions to this praiseworthy redevelopment project; and,

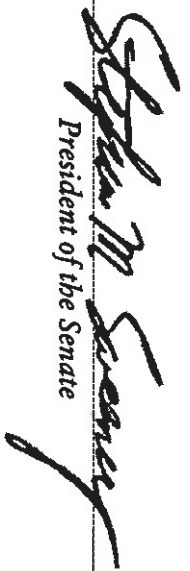
*Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the Cracker Factory.

Attest:



Kent M. Hicks  
Secretary of the Senate

Dana M. Burley  
Clerk of the General Assembly

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the General Assembly