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State Senator Jim Whelan
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Former President of The New Jersey Conference of Mayors, State Senator Jim Whelan passed away this past Tuesday at his home in Atlantic City where he had served as Mayor for three terms from 1991 through 1998.

Senator Whelan taught in the Atlantic City School District for 25 years. In Atlantic City, where he lived, Senator Whelan served on the City Council, served as Mayor, served as Assemblyman and more recently as State Senator for District 2 since 2008, having announced earlier this year he would not seek re-election this year.

When Mayor, Jim Whelan was extremely active as a Member and Executive Officer in the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and was President of the NJCM in 2000 – 2001 constantly supporting Legislation addressing the needs of Mayors and their Municipalities.

The New Jersey Conference of Mayors had recognized then Mayor Whelan as Mayor of the Year in 2001, followed as Legislator of the Year in 2009, and Former Mayor of the Year in 2010.

Senator Whelan always participated in the NJCM Annual Conference in Atlantic City, whether as Atlantic City Mayor, or as a State Legislator providing a Host City or Host Legislative District Greeting at the Grand Luncheons, including strong words of encouragement to the Mayors in attendance, always mentioning that it was the Mayors who were the grass roots elected officials who were handling the everyday concerns of their constituents. At the 2017 NJCM Annual Conference in Atlantic City after addressing the audience at the Grand Luncheon and informing them of his intention not to seek re-election, the audience gave Senator Whelan a standing ovation in recognition of his service to his City, District and State.

We will all miss Jim Whelan for many reasons—he will not be forgotten.