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WATSON COLEMAN: **SPEAKER ROBERTS A ‘TRUE GENTLEMAN AND LEADER’**

(TRENTON) – Assembly Majority Leader Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-Mercer) released the following statement today after Speaker Joseph J. Roberts Jr. (D-Camden) announced he won’t seek re-election:

“It has been my honor and privilege to work with Speaker Roberts these many years, especially the last four as part of our leadership team. I am grateful for the opportunity he has given me to play an integral role in setting the progressive agenda of our caucus.

“Joe Roberts is a true gentleman and leader whose work to improve the lives of New Jerseyans will resonate for years to come.

“Speaker Roberts always has kept good government and those less fortunate in mind, whether it was tackling property taxes, being among the first to target the global recession, toughening ethics laws or advocating for those with autism and developmental disabilities.

“I will never forget his friendship and his stalwart support for my efforts to make our streets safer by targeting guns, gangs and recidivism.

“His work to improve the treatment, detection and awareness of autism and developmental disabilities will immeasurably enhance the lives of countless children and will be a lasting legacy benefiting New Jersey for generations.”

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