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**DeCroce passing a startling loss to Legislature, Small Business Community**

Sal Risalvato, Executive Director of the New Jersey Gasoline, Convenience, Automotive Association (NJGCA), released the following statement on the passing of Assemblyman and Assembly Minor Leader, Alexander DeCroce:

“Late last night, we lost a principled public servant and a fine man. The passing of Alex DeCroce is a stunning loss for New Jersey and the Legislature”, stated Risalvato.

“Assemblyman DeCroce was a well respected member of the Legislature, faithfully serving the residents of the 26th Legislative District since 1989 and leading the Republican caucus in the Assembly since 2003. Yet despite his political achievements, Alex began his community involvement as real estate agent, and later operated his own brokerage firm in Parsippany with late-Congressman Dean Gallo. His experience running a business unquestioningly gave Alex valuable first hand knowledge of the trials and obstacles all small business owners face daily,” Risalvato said.

“Alex was a strong voice for reforming burdensome regulations, improving our transportation infrastructure, and promoting sound tax policies. Throughout his time in Trenton, he not only displayed steady leadership and good judgment in executing his office, but consistently put the interests of New Jersey residents ahead of his own. His unexpected passing, following the final session of the 214th Legislature, is a standing testament to his dedication.”

“Still, much more importantly, Alex was a devoted family man, leaving behind his wife, Betty Lou, and their three children and grandchildren. We mourn his sudden passing and will miss his presence in the State House.”

“On behalf of my members and the small business community, I send my sincerest condolences and heartfelt prayers to the entire DeCroce family on this incredible loss”, Risalvato concluded.

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