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ANGEL ESTRADA AND LEE WARE ENTER FREEHOLDER HALL OF FAME

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(Trenton) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) is pleased to induct Union County Freeholder Angel Estrada and Salem County Freeholder Lee R. Ware into the Class of 2020 Freeholder Hall of Fame for their leadership, commitment to county government, and 20 years of public service as elected freeholders in the great State of New Jersey.

- Angel Estrada is currently the Vice Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and was the first Latino elected to the Freeholder Board in 1999 having previously served on the Elizabeth School Board of Education. Freeholder Estrada served as Chairman of the Freeholder Board in 2008 and Vice Chairman in 2003 and 2007 presiding over the expansion of shared services, workforce competitiveness, and open space preservation. Freeholder Estrada also served as Chairman of the North Jersey Transportation Authority (NJTPA) from 2017-2019 securing federal transportation dollars for vital transportation projects in Union County. He was also a member of the Elizabeth Housing Authority, the Selective Service System, the National Association of Hispanic Officials, and a Board Member of NJAC. Freeholder Estrada emigrated from Cuba to the United States 59 years ago and has made Elizabeth his home ever since along with his wife Teresa, three children, and three grandchildren.
- Lee Ware is serving in his 20th year as a member of the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders having led the Board as its Director for six of those years. Freeholder Ware is currently Chairman of Salem County's Agricultural/Tourism Committee and serves on the Board's health, human services, and education committees. Freeholder Ware is a retired educator of 38 years from the Woodstown school system and is a hall of fame high school baseball coach having led the Woodies to a South Jersey record in wins. Freeholder Ware was twice named All South Jersey Coach of the Year and is a member of the Salem County Sports Hall of Fame, the Rowan University Sports Hall of Fame, and the South Jersey Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Freeholder Ware is also a member of the Salem County Community College Board of School Estimates and the Salem County Improvement Authority. Freeholder Ware is son of the late Preston and Minnie Ware and has three children and seven grandchildren.

NJAC will honor freeholders Estrada and Ware at upcoming board of chosen freeholder meetings in their respective counties as they join last year's inaugural class of outstanding public servants and leaders. NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county governments to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is committed to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit www.njac.org for additional details or contact John Donnadio at 609-394-3467 with any questions or concerns.

