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#### **NJ Gov. Christie Whitman on the Passing of Leon Hess**

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman released the following statement after being notified of the passing of Leon Hess:

"Leon Hess was a generous and gentle man whose contribution to the Garden State was enormous.

"His quiet style and very deep sense of caring about people and causes set an example that we should all try to emulate.

"From his earliest days driving a fuel delivery truck to his final days directing one of the world's largest petroleum companies and one of the finest sports franchises anywhere, Leon Hess embodied the American work ethic and spirit.

"The Leon Hess story is one of hard work, civic commitment and personal integrity. While his passing leaves us with a great sense of loss, his legacy will rightly serve as an inspiration for generations to come," she said.