

Governor Phil Murphy

Statement from Governor Murphy on Senator Ronald Rice's Retirement from the New Jersey Senate

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"Ron Rice will leave the state Senate as one of its most transformational members, a true maverick whose legacy of legislative successes will stand clearly on its own. He understood that public office is not about doing what's best for individual politics or promotion but what's right for the people we serve. He forced his fellow legislators – and to be sure, governors – to confront uncomfortable truths and wasn't afraid to be a lone voice of dissent if he believed such dissent shined a light on injustice. In doing so, he made us all better at our jobs. While I have no doubt Ron will continue to advocate forcefully for social justice and the betterment of every community of color so long as he is able, his resignation leaves a huge void in the Legislature that will be hard to fill. I will always be proud to have called him my partner but even prouder to call him my friend."

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