ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 164

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS
Recognizes and celebrates Bruce Springsteen’s 75th birthday.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

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AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION recognizing and celebrating Bruce Springsteen's 75th birthday.

WHEREAS, Bruce Frederick Joseph Springsteen was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on September 23, 1949 and was raised in Freehold, New Jersey by his working class family; and

WHEREAS, In the late sixties and early seventies, Bruce Springsteen honed his skills as a songwriter and performer by touring with bands based in New Jersey, including The Castiles and Steel Mill, and met several future members of the E Street Band through his associations with these groups; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen's numerous appearances at venues such as the Stone Pony and the Upstage Club helped establish Asbury Park, New Jersey as a hub for musicians; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Bruce Springsteen was signed to a record deal with Columbia Records and released the critically-acclaimed "Greetings from Asbury Park," which generated comparisons of Springsteen to Bob Dylan; and

WHEREAS, In the late eighties and into the nineties, Bruce Springsteen released solo albums, won an Academy Award for the song "Streets of Philadelphia" from the film "Philadelphia," and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The attacks of September 11, 2001, inspired Bruce Springsteen to put together the seminal album "The Rising," which spoke to the grief and loss of New Jersey residents and Americans in general; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen has sold more than 120 million albums worldwide and won 20 Grammys; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen's music catalogue contains a multitude of references to New Jersey, such as his songs *Atlantic City*, *Jersey Girl*, and *Rosalita*; and

WHEREAS, Because of Bruce Springsteen's contributions as a musician and citizen of New Jersey, he was a member of the inaugural class of inductees into the New Jersey Hall of Fame in 2008; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, Bruce Springsteen continues to set historic precedents, such as his four hour long headlining set at the Sea.Hear.Now. festival in Asbury Park, in addition to surprise performances with New Jersey natives The Gaslight Anthem, and Trey Anastasio from Phish; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Bruce Springsteen has performed at numerous charitable concerts, contributed millions of dollars to philanthropic causes, and encouraged his audiences to give back, including asking fans to bring canned goods to concerts so the items can be donated to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Springsteen, along with his wife, New Jersey native and E Street Band member Patti Scialfa, still call New Jersey home; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 75, Bruce Springsteen's legacy continues to inspire musicians and fans worldwide; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. This House recognizes and celebrates Bruce Springsteen's 75th birthday.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to Bruce Springsteen and his family.

STATEMENT

This Assembly Resolution recognizes and celebrates Bruce Springsteen's 75th birthday.

Bruce Springsteen was born on September 23, 1949, in Long Branch, New Jersey and raised in Freehold, New Jersey by his working class family.

Beginning in the late sixties and early seventies, Bruce Springsteen began his music career by touring with bands based in New Jersey, including The Castiles and Steel Mill, which eventually led him to several members of the now famous E Street Band. In 1972, Bruce Springsteen was signed to a record deal with Columbia Records and released the critically-acclaimed "Greetings from Asbury Park," launching his recording career as a musician.

Throughout his career, Bruce Springsteen has established himself as a proud New Jersey native and as one of the greatest musicians of all time, selling over 120 million albums, winning 20 Grammys, and earning inductions in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Bruce Springsteen has also continuously pursued philanthropic endeavors, such as performing at numerous charitable concerts, contributing millions of dollars to humanitarian causes, and encouraging his audiences to give back, including bringing canned goods to his concerts to later be donated at local food banks.

At the age of 75, Bruce Springsteen and his legacy continues to inspire musicians and fans worldwide, especially those who reside in his home state of New Jersey.