

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 88

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders to name County Route 18 bridge in Monmouth County in honor of Jeffrey Mahon and Jeffrey Hoens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Monmouth County Board
2 of Chosen Freeholders to name the bridge on County Route 18 in
3 Monmouth County in honor of Jeffrey Mahon and Jeffrey Hoens.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature has historically named State roadways in
6 honor of citizens in New Jersey whose lives have touched the State
7 or the community in which the roadways sit; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Recognizing the right of county boards of chosen
9 freeholders to name county roadways, this House recognizes the
10 jurisdiction that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen
11 Freeholders has over the bridge between the Borough of Belmar
12 and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea on County Route 18 in
13 Monmouth County, commonly known as Ocean Avenue; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The bridge on County Route 18 in Monmouth County,
15 commonly known as Ocean Avenue, holds particular significance
16 for the families of Jeffrey Mahon and Jeffrey Hoens; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Born on July 16, 1960, Jeffrey Mahon was raised in Avon-
18 by-the-Sea, attended Avon Elementary School, and graduated from
19 Red Bank Catholic High School in 1978 before attending
20 Benedictine College on a football scholarship in Atchison, Kansas,
21 where he tragically passed away in a motor vehicle accident at the
22 age of 20 years old; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Jeffrey Hoens, who was raised in Westfield, New Jersey,
24 was a volunteer assistant coach for the New Jersey Dare Devils, a
25 hockey team for young people with developmental and intellectual
26 disabilities, and attended Saint Peter's Preparatory School where he
27 was entering his senior year of high school when he tragically
28 passed away while free diving near the bridge on County Route 18
29 in Monmouth County on July 16, 2016; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The extensive underwater search and rescue mission for
31 Jeffrey Hoens, which coincided with Jeffrey Mahon's birthday, was
32 very personal for members of the Avon-by-the-Sea police
33 department, including Chief of Police Terence Mahon, who is the
34 brother of Jeffrey Mahon; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Recognizing that these tragedies have affected the
36 Monmouth County community and the families that have been
37 connected by these tragedies, it is fitting and proper that the bridge
38 on County Route 18 in Monmouth County, commonly known as
39 Ocean Avenue, between the Borough of Belmar and the Borough of
40 Avon-by-the-Sea be named in honor of Jeffrey Mahon and Jeffrey
41 Hoens; now, therefore,

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

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46 1. This House respectfully urges the Monmouth County Board
47 of Chosen Freeholders to name the bridge on County Route 18 in
48 Monmouth County, commonly known as Ocean Avenue, between

1 the Borough of Belmar and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea in
2 honor of Jeffrey Mahon and Jeffrey Hoens.

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4 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
5 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to each
6 member of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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STATEMENT

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11 This resolution urges the Monmouth County Board of Chosen
12 Freeholders to name the bridge on County Route 18 in Monmouth
13 County, commonly known as Ocean Avenue, between the Borough
14 of Belmar and the Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea in honor of Jeffrey
15 Mahon, who tragically passed away in a motor vehicle accident and
16 was the brother of the Avon-by-the-Sea Chief of Police, and Jeffrey
17 Hoens, who tragically passed away on Jeffrey Mahon's birthday
18 while free diving near the bridge.