

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 130

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

SYNOPSIS

Designates August 7 of each year as “Mike Trout Day.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating August 7 of each year as “Mike
2 Trout Day.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey native Michael Nelson Trout was born on
5 August 7, 1991, in the City of Vineland, and was raised in the City
6 of Millville where he played shortstop as a child in the Cal Ripken
7 Baseball division of the Babe Ruth League; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Nicknamed the “Millville Meteor,” Trout graduated from
9 Millville Senior High School in 2009, where he was a member of
10 the basketball and baseball teams; and
11 **WHEREAS**, At Millville Senior High School, Trout excelled in
12 baseball, earning the attention of both college and Major League
13 Baseball (MLB) scouts by pitching a no-hitter in his junior year and
14 setting a New Jersey high school record with 18 home runs during
15 his senior year; and
16 **WHEREAS**, After turning down a scholarship to East Carolina
17 University to pursue a career in the MLB, Trout was drafted in the
18 first round of the 2009 MLB draft as the 25th overall pick by the
19 Los Angeles Angels; and
20 **WHEREAS**, Prior to his major league debut, Trout played minor league
21 baseball for the Cedar Rapid Kernels, the Rancho Cucamonga
22 Quakes, and the Arkansas Travelers, ultimately finishing his career
23 in minor league baseball with a batting average of .342 and an on-
24 base percentage of .425 with 108 stolen bases; and
25 **WHEREAS**, In 2011, Trout made his major league debut with the Los
26 Angeles Angels and, in 2012, had one of the greatest rookie seasons
27 of all time, winning the 2012 American League Rookie of the Year
28 Award while finishing second in the voting for the Most Valuable
29 Player (MVP) of the Year Award; and
30 **WHEREAS**, Trout’s rookie season was compared to the rookie seasons
31 of some of the greatest baseball players of all time, including Joe
32 DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, “Shoeless” Joe Jackson, and Ty Cobb,
33 as he ranked first in runs scored with 129 runs scored, second in
34 batting average with an average of .326, third in slugging
35 percentage with a percentage of .564, and first in wins above
36 replacement with 10.8; and
37 **WHEREAS**, In addition to his offensive prowess, Trout has also been
38 praised for his defensive abilities in center field, which is largely
39 considered to be one of the most important defensive positions in
40 baseball; and
41 **WHEREAS**, Since his debut, Trout has gone on to become a three-time
42 MVP winner, one of only 11 players to win three MVP awards, and
43 has been selected to play in the MLB’s annual All-Star Game nine
44 times; and
45 **WHEREAS**, Trout has also been the recipient of the Silver Slugger
46 Award eight times, the first Major League Baseball player receive
47 the award eight times by age twenty eight; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Given the long list of his impressive career stats and
2 achievements, it is no surprise that Trout is heavily favored to be a
3 future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee; and

4 **WHEREAS**, In July of 2021, Trout celebrated his 10th anniversary with
5 the Los Angeles Angels, and it is fitting to honor his already
6 outstanding career by designating August 7 of each year as “Mike
7 Trout Day” in this State; now, therefore,

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9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
10 State of New Jersey:

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12 1. August 7 of each year is designated as “Mike Trout Day” in
13 recognition of the outstanding career of Major League Baseball
14 center fielder and New Jersey native Mike Trout.

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16 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
17 proclamation recognizing August 7 of each year as “Mike Trout
18 Day” in New Jersey.

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20 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This joint resolution designates August 7 of each year as “Mike
26 Trout Day” in recognition of the outstanding career of Major
27 League Baseball (MLB) center fielder and New Jersey native Mike
28 Trout. Trout was born on August 7, 1991 in Vineland, New Jersey,
29 and grew up in neighboring Millville, New Jersey. As a child Trout
30 played shortstop in the Cal Ripken Baseball division of the Babe
31 Ruth League. He attended Millville Senior High School where he
32 played basketball and baseball. Trout excelled in baseball, earning
33 the nickname the “Millville Meteor” as well as the attention of both
34 college and MLB scouts.

35 Trout turned down a scholarship to East Carolina University to
36 pursue a career in Major League Baseball, a move that paid off as
37 he was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels in the first round of the
38 2009 MLB draft as the 25th overall pick. Trout spent some time in
39 the minor league with the Cedar Rapids Kernels, the Rancho
40 Cucamonga Quakes, and the Arkansas Travelers, ultimately ending
41 his minor league career with a batting average of .342 and an on-
42 base percentage of .425 with 108 stolen bases.

43 Trout officially made his major league debut in July 2011 and
44 had one of the greatest rookie seasons of all time, winning the 2012
45 American League Rookie of the Year Award. Trout’s rookie season
46 was compared to the rookie seasons of some of the greatest baseball
47 players of all time, including Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle,
48 “Shoeless” Joe Jackson, and Ty Cobb. During his rookie season

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1 Trout ranked first in runs scored with 129 runs, second in batting
2 average with an average of .326, third in slugging percentage with a
3 percentage of .564, and first in Wins Above Replacement with 10.8.
4 Trout has gone on to become a three-time MVP winner, and is
5 one of only 11 players in MLB history to win three MVP awards.
6 Additionally, he has been selected to play in the MLB's annual All-
7 Star Game nine times, and has received eight Silver Slugger
8 Awards, the first player to receive the award eight times at just
9 twenty eight years old. Trout's already outstanding career is
10 already worthy of a Hall of Fame induction, and it is largely
11 believed that he will be a contender for the honor in the future.
12 July of 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the Major League
13 debut of Mike Trout. Given the incredible success of his career so
14 far, it is fitting to honor Trout by designating August 7 of each year
15 as "Mike Trout Day" in this State.