

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 83

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator BRIAN P. STACK

District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Designates December 12 of each year as “Frank Sinatra Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION** designating December 12 of each
2 year as “Frank Sinatra Day” in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Francis Albert Sinatra was born on December 12, 1915 in
5 Hoboken, New Jersey; and
6 **WHEREAS**, He had a distinguished career as a singer, actor, entertainer,
7 and humanitarian; and
8 **WHEREAS**, He will always be remembered for his song styling and the
9 depth and emotion he brought to the lyrics; and
10 **WHEREAS**, He signed his first recording contract with RCA Studios
11 located in Camden, New Jersey; and
12 **WHEREAS**, His musical awards and honors include selling over 250
13 million records worldwide, achieving more than 34 gold albums, and
14 winning 11 Grammy Awards; and
15 **WHEREAS**, He was inducted into the Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame,
16 was named Entertainer of the Century, and was later inducted into
17 the New Jersey Hall of Fame; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Frank Sinatra was not only a great singer, but also a great
19 actor, appearing in such movie classics as "From Here To Eternity"
20 and "The Manchurian Candidate"; and
21 **WHEREAS**, His film honors include winning Academy Awards, Golden
22 Globe Awards, the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and a Screen Actors
23 Guild Award; and
24 **WHEREAS**, In addition to being an entertainer, Frank Sinatra was also a
25 humanitarian, outspoken against racism, and concerned about poor
26 people; and
27 **WHEREAS**, He worked publicly and privately to help the struggle for
28 equal rights, including playing a significant role in the desegregation
29 of Nevada hotels and casinos; and
30 **WHEREAS**, His many awards and recognitions include the Presidential
31 Medal of Freedom, the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, and
32 the Congressional Gold Medal; and
33 **WHEREAS**, Frank Sinatra has three stars on the Hollywood Walk of
34 Fame, one for motion pictures, one for recordings, and one for
35 television; and
36 **WHEREAS**, He has a park named in his honor, Frank Sinatra Park, on
37 Sinatra Drive, in Hoboken, New Jersey; and
38 **WHEREAS**, Hoboken's "Old Blue Eyes" entertained generations of
39 people worldwide with his extraordinary music and artistry, and
40 became one of the most popular and important entertainers of the
41 20th century; and
42 **WHEREAS**, Given Frank Sinatra's significance, it is appropriate for
43 the State of New Jersey to honor this great American entertainer
44 and humanitarian, and designate December 12 of each year as
45 “Frank Sinatra Day” in New Jersey; now, therefore,
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47 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
48 *of New Jersey:*

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1 1. a. December 12 of each year is designated as “Frank Sinatra
2 Day” in New Jersey to recognize and commemorate the many
3 contributions Frank Sinatra made to music and movies, and as a
4 humanitarian.

5 b. The Governor is requested to annually issue a proclamation
6 and call upon public officials and the citizens of the State to observe
7 the day with appropriate activities and programs.

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9 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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15 “Frank Sinatra Day” in New Jersey. Francis Albert Sinatra was born
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17 distinguished career as a singer, actor, entertainer, and humanitarian.
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