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S. RES. 322

Commemorating the life, legacy, and entertainment career of Tony Bennett.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the life, legacy, and entertainment career
of Tony Bennett.

Whereas Tony Bennett, born Anthony Dominick Benedetto, on August 3, 1926, was an iconic singer, performer, and artist who made significant contributions to the world of music and entertainment throughout an illustrious career;

Whereas the unparalleled talent, exceptional vocal range, and soulful renditions of the timeless classics of Tony Bennett touched the hearts of millions of people around the globe, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of the United States;

Whereas the dedication to craft, tireless pursuit of excellence, and unwavering commitment to preserving the Great American Songbook earned Tony Bennett numerous ac-

colades, including 20 Grammy Awards, a Kennedy Center honor, and the distinction of being a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master;

Whereas philanthropic efforts by Tony Bennett, which included support for arts education and humanitarian causes, exemplified the compassionate spirit of Tony Bennett and a commitment to making the world a better place;

Whereas Tony Bennett was a native son of Astoria, Queens, a community that was always close to his heart, where he helped to found the Frank Sinatra High School of the Arts;

Whereas the devotion of Tony Bennett to this country was evident during service in the United States Army during World War II in France and Germany;

Whereas Tony Bennett was a lifelong champion of civil rights, using music to develop a platform to speak out vociferously against racism and discrimination;

Whereas Tony Bennett marched with Harry Belafonte in the historic Selma-to-Montgomery marches, standing alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to demand equality and justice for all; and

Whereas the musical legacy of Tony Bennett not only enriched the lives of fans but also served as an inspiration to countless aspiring artists, encouraging these artists to pursue dreams and strive for greatness: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) uses August 3, 2023, to commemorate the

3 birth of this legendary artist, a day which marks not

1 only the passing of another year, but also an oppor-
2 tunity to celebrate an extraordinary life and the im-
3 pact Tony Bennett has had on the United States
4 and the world;

5 (2) proclaims August 3, 2023, as “Tony Ben-
6 nett Day” across the country, urging all citizens to
7 join together in honoring this extraordinary man and
8 the tremendous contributions to the arts and society;
9 and

10 (3) calls upon educational institutions, commu-
11 nity organizations, and the people of the United
12 States to participate in events and activities that cel-
13 ebrate the music, career, and philanthropy of Tony
14 Bennett, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts
15 and the role the arts play in enriching the lives of
16 the people of the United States.

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