

P.L. 2025, Joint Resolution No. 20, *approved January 20, 2026*
Senate Joint Resolution, No. 143

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating July 30 of each year as
2 “Clarence ‘Coach C’ Collins Day.”
3
4 **WHEREAS**, Clarence “Coach C” Collins, a beloved member of the
5 Jersey City community who recently passed away, served as the
6 At-Risk Youth Mentor at University Academy Charter High School
7 at New Jersey City University in Jersey City, where he provided
8 invaluable guidance and support to countless students; and
9 **WHEREAS**, Coach C, who began his career at the charter school as a
10 volunteer two days per week to assist in the development of a
11 program for at-risk youth, was subsequently hired as the first-ever
12 full-time youth mentor and served at the charter school for 13 years;
13 and
14 **WHEREAS**, While at the charter school, Coach C developed
15 empowering workshops and seminars on topics such as academic
16 excellence, employment, positive attitude, and the passion to
17 succeed in life, which offer creative and inspiring solutions to
18 problems encountered by youth in today’s complex and stressful
19 society; and
20 **WHEREAS**, Coach C also became a liaison between the school and the
21 community, bringing community members into the school to meet
22 with students for lectures and job and internship connections.
23 Many of the students have worked or still work for the City thanks
24 to Coach C’s guidance; and
25 **WHEREAS**, In addition to his work at the charter school, Coach C
26 served in one of the roughest areas of the City with the Department
27 of Recreation, where he reformed the hiring process which
28 consequently allowed him to connect youth from all corners of the
29 City with internships in the department; and
30 **WHEREAS**, In addition to his work with the charter school and the
31 Department of Recreation, as a community activist Coach C
32 initiated a number of community activities, including the
33 establishment of the Woodlawn Avenue Block Association with the
34 purpose of bringing neighbors together for social support, activities,
35 and community engagement; and
36 **WHEREAS**, Coach C also established an annual Father’s Day dinner at
37 his home in order to expose young men who did not generally have
38 a father at home to what a healthy household without anger or
39 violence should be like. The dinner started with 20 attendees and
40 quickly climbed to 60 as the years passed; and
41 **WHEREAS**, A devoted husband to his wife Elaine who was a daily
42 inspiration, Coach C was also the proud father of three and

1 grandfather of seven, who continue his legacy by embodying his
 2 values and principles; and
 3 **WHEREAS**, On August 14, 2024, the City Council of Jersey City
 4 passed a resolution honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of
 5 Coach C, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to the
 6 community and his unwavering commitment to improving the lives
 7 of the City’s youth; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Clarence “Coach C” Collins has had a profound impact on
 9 the Jersey City community, which is abundantly evident through
 10 the countless lives he touched and the legacy of compassion,
 11 dedication, and love he leaves behind; now, therefore,

12
 13 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
 14 *State of New Jersey:*

15
 16 1. July 30 of each year is designated “Clarence ‘Coach C’
 17 Collins Day” in recognition of his outstanding work and
 18 contributions as a coach and mentor to the youth of Jersey City.

19
 20 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
 21 proclamation recognizing July 30 of each year as “Clarence ‘Coach
 22 C’ Collins Day.”

23
 24 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

25
 26
 27 STATEMENT

28
 29 This joint resolution designates July 30 of each year as “Clarence
 30 ‘Coach C’ Collins Day.”

31 Coach C, a beloved member of the Jersey City community,
 32 served for 13 years at the University Academy Charter High School
 33 at New Jersey City University in Jersey City, where he was a
 34 beacon of hope, wisdom, and unwavering support for the students.
 35 While at the charter school he developed various workshops and
 36 seminars designed to offer solutions to problems encountered by
 37 youth in today’s complex and stressful society. He also served in
 38 the Department of Recreation, where he reformed the hiring process
 39 which allowed children from all corners of the City to receive
 40 internships. He has been recognized for his extraordinary
 41 contributions to his community and his unwavering commitment to
 42 improving the lives of the youth of Jersey City.

43 Clarence “Coach C” Collins had a profound impact on the
 44 countless lives he touched in his community. The legacy of
 45 compassion, dedication, and love he leaves behind should be
 46 remembered and honored among all residents of this State.

1 _____
2
3 Designates July 30 of each year as “Clarence ‘Coach C’ Collins
4 Day.”