

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 144

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

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Senator ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Designates October 12 of each year as “Jump4Jerry Day” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating October 12 of each year as
2 “Jump4Jerry Day” in New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, Jump4Jerry is a nonprofit youth development organization
5 founded in memory of Jeremiah “Prince Bee” Grant, a pillar of his
6 community and a champion Double Dutch jumper whose life was
7 tragically cut short in October 2017 at the young age of 8 years old
8 when he was struck and killed by a car; and

9 **WHEREAS**, At the age of 5, Jeremiah, also known as Jerry, started
10 jumping rope and became a founding member of the Jersey City's
11 Honey Bees Double Dutch team; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Despite his youth and shy nature, Jerry found a release
13 through athletic competition, reflected in his achievements as a
14 champion Double Dutch jumper, highlighted by a performance on
15 the Jimmy Fallon TV show; and

16 **WHEREAS**, When he was in the first grade he competed in a division
17 called unattached, where he dominated the sport, ranking first place
18 in every competition, becoming undefeated, and becoming known
19 worldwide for being undefeated in the division; and

20 **WHEREAS**, As a pillar of his community, Jerry received numerous
21 awards for his outstanding community service, participating in
22 numerous projects where he would empower the youth and families
23 within the community to utilize their gifts, skills, and talents; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Jerry also volunteered his time and skill by participating in
25 various parades, marches, and fitness and health fairs, encouraging
26 adults and children to become fit through the sport of Double
27 Dutch; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Through the sport itself, people can learn skills like
29 enhanced coordination, building stamina, and improved
30 concentration, along with teamwork, sportsmanship, making friends
31 and building social skills; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Jerry had a passion and joy for serving his community and
33 jumping rope, and Jump4Jerry was created to carry on his passion
34 and commitment, and ensure his memory lives on; and

35 **WHEREAS**, The mission of Jump4Jerry is to honor Jerry by enabling
36 children of different ages and backgrounds to acquire life skills,
37 build confidence and strong character, and to realize their potential
38 as leaders and active members of their community; and

39 **WHEREAS**, On June 2, 2018, Jerry was posthumously inducted into the
40 Trailblazer Wall of Fame at the Mary McLeod Bethune Center in
41 Jersey City, New Jersey; and

42 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for the Legislature and
43 this State to designate October 12 of each year as “Jump4Jerry
44 Day” to recognize the contributions of Jeremiah “Jerry” Taron
45 Grant; now, therefore,

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47 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
48 *State of New Jersey:*

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1 1. October 12 of each year is designated as “Jump4Jerry Day” in
2 this State, in recognition of the short, but exceptional life and
3 community activism of Jeremiah “Jerry” “Prince Bee” Grant.

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5 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
6 proclamation calling upon officials and citizens of the State to
7 observe “Jump4Jerry Day” with appropriate activities and
8 programs.

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10 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This joint resolution designates October 12 of each year as
16 “Jump4JerryDay” in New Jersey.

17 Jump4Jerry is a nonprofit youth development organization
18 founded in memory of Jeremiah “Prince Bee” Grant. Jeremiah, also
19 known as Jerry, was a pillar of his community and a championship
20 Double Dutch jumper. His life was tragically cut short in October
21 2017 at the young age of 8 years old when he was struck and killed
22 by a car.

23 Although Jerry was only 8 years old, he did outstanding work in
24 and out of his community that gave him a sense of pride and made
25 him realize his potential. He was a champion jumper who left his
26 mark on the world of Double Dutch, highlighted by a performance
27 on the Jimmy Fallon TV show.

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29 jumping rope. Jump4Jerry was created to carry on his passion and
30 commitment and ensure his memory lives on. The mission of
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