
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 349 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, APRIL 13, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 13, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Jazz Appreciation Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Jazz Appreciation Month," known as JAM, was created
4 in 2002 at the Smithsonian Museum to herald and celebrate the
5 extraordinary heritage and history of jazz in the month of
6 April; and

7 WHEREAS, JAM is intended to stimulate and encourage people of
8 all ages to participate in jazz through study, concerts,
9 recordings and books; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, JAM is exploring how jazz is a form of
11 democracy because it serves as a means of communication and as
12 an equalizer; and

13 WHEREAS, This year, JAM is celebrating the legacy of musician
14 and bandleader Benny Carter; and

15 WHEREAS, Benny Carter was an African-American musician who
16 made major contributions to the development of jazz, including
17 defining the role of the alto saxophone and breaking down
18 boundaries throughout the music and entertainment industries;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, JAM promotes appreciation of the joys, power and
3 glories of jazz; and

4 WHEREAS, Jazz is a vital part of American culture and has
5 been a gift to the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Jazz is a part of the rich and diverse musical
7 background of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2016
9 as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize the
10 accomplishments of this year's featured jazz artist, Benny
11 Carter.