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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 82 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, RESCHENTHALER,  
SABATINA, BROWNE, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, COSTA,  
SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, VULAKOVICH AND FARNESE,  
APRIL 19, 2017

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 19, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2017 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, being the centennial of jazz icon Ella  
11 Fitzgerald's birth, JAM is celebrating women in jazz; and

12 WHEREAS, Beyond traditional female vocalists, there are many  
13 great composers, arrangers, orchestrators and instrumentalists  
14 who have left and continue to leave an indelible print on the  
15 history and future of jazz; and

16 WHEREAS, Ella Fitzgerald was one of the greatest American  
17 singers in any genre of music; and

1       WHEREAS, Ella Fitzgerald had a warm and lovely voice, superb  
2 rhythmic sense, considerable versatility, great range,  
3 meticulous intonation and improvisatory gifts as a fine natural  
4 melodist; and

5       WHEREAS, With an unparalleled ability for mimicry and "scat"  
6 singing, Ella Fitzgerald also produced melodic lines that put  
7 her in the category of great instrumental improvisers; and

8       WHEREAS, Known as a singer's singer, Ella Fitzgerald recorded  
9 two thousand songs in her lifetime; and

10       WHEREAS, This year, JAM promotes appreciation of the joy,  
11 power and glory of women in jazz; and

12       WHEREAS, The contributions of women in jazz have been and  
13 continue to be a vital part of the United States' culture; and

14       WHEREAS, The works of women in jazz have been a gift to the  
15 United States and to the world; and

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

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of April 2017  
19 as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize the  
20 accomplishments of this year's featured jazz artist Ella  
21 Fitzgerald.