

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 621

Expressing support for the designation of August 3, 2023, as “Tony Bennett Day”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Ms. PELOSI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of August 3, 2023, as “Tony Bennett Day”.

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

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

Whereas Tony Bennett’s dedication to his craft, tireless pursuit of excellence, and unwavering commitment to preserving the Great American Songbook have earned him

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

Whereas Tony Bennett's musical legacy has not only enriched the lives of his fans, but also served as an inspiration to countless aspiring artists, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and strive for greatness;

Whereas Tony Bennett's philanthropic efforts, including his support for arts education and humanitarian causes, have exemplified his compassionate spirit and 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, and where he helped found the Frank Sinatra High School of the Arts in the neighborhood;

Whereas Tony Bennett's devotion to his country was evident throughout his service in the United States Army, as he fought in the Battle of Bulge and his involvement in liberating a concentration camp in Germany during World War II, and where he also played a vital role in bringing joy and comfort to his fellow soldiers through his musical talents;

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

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

Whereas Tony Bennett used his influence for good, to help promote Black artists in the music industry and to raise awareness of racial inequality; and

Whereas the designation of August 3, 2023, as “Tony Bennett Day” will commemorate the birth of this legendary artist, and celebrate his extraordinary life and the impact he has had on the United States and the world: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the designation of “Tony Bennett  
3       Day” across the country, urging all citizens to join  
4       together in honoring this extraordinary man and the  
5       tremendous contributions he has made to the arts  
6       and society at large; and

7               (2) calls upon educational institutions, commu-  
8       nity organizations, and the people of the United  
9       States to participate in events and activities that cel-  
10      ebrate Tony Bennett’s music, career, and philan-  
11      thropy, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts  
12      and the role they play in enriching our lives.

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