



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 123

January 28, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, ARMSTRONG, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, HONG, KITCHENS, B. MEYERS, MOORE OMOKUNDE, L. MYERS, OHNSTAD, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, CARPENTER, LARSON, ROYS and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring Sidney Poitier.

2 Whereas, the brilliant and groundbreaking actor and diplomat Sidney Poitier
3 was one of the most impactful actors in Hollywood history; and

4 Whereas, Sidney Poitier was born in Miami, Florida, to Evelyn and Reginald
5 James Poitier. Despite being born on American soil, Mr. Poitier grew up on Cat Island
6 in the Bahamas with little formal education; and

7 Whereas, at the age of 14, Mr. Poitier came back to America to live with his
8 brother, where he witnessed firsthand the racial injustices that plagued Black
9 American communities; and

10 Whereas, Mr. Poitier worked his way to New York, where he worked several jobs
11 to make ends meet. While in New York, he began his venture into acting by
12 auditioning for the American Negro Theatre; and

13 Whereas, while Mr. Poitier's performance was rejected because of his lack of
14 education and non-American accent, he persevered to keep working towards
15 becoming an actor; and

