

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (68).

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

Relating to Redd Foxx day.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

1 **WHEREAS**, Redd Foxx was one of the most influential comedians in American
2 history and a true St. Louis original; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, rising from poverty and segregation, Foxx built a groundbreaking career
5 by telling the truth without apology. Known as "the King of the Party Records", Foxx
6 released dozens of best-selling comedy albums that shaped modern stand-up and influenced
7 generations of performers; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, his fearless humor tackled race, class, aging, and everyday struggles
10 with sharp wit and unmatched timing; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Foxx became a household name as Fred Sanford on Sanford and Son,
13 where his legendary catchphrase "I'm coming to join you, Elizabeth!" entered popular
14 culture; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, he broke barriers for Black performers in primetime television while
17 insisting on authenticity and dignity; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, beyond the spotlight, Foxx quietly mentored young comedians and
20 helped others find their footing:

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22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
23 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the
24 Senate concurring therein, hereby designate December ninth each year as "Redd Foxx Day"
25 in Missouri, in recognition of the bold, honest, and unforgettable man who changed comedy
26 forever; and

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his
29 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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