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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 88

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Fish and  
2 Wildlife Service to authorize additional hunting opportunities for resident  
3 Canada geese in New Jersey.

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5 WHEREAS, The Canada goose population residing year-round in New Jersey  
6 has grown significantly over the past two decades; and

7 WHEREAS, This now large resident Canada goose population causes millions  
8 of dollars worth of damage to farm crops every year, contributes to  
9 nonpoint pollution through the great amount of fecal droppings deposited  
10 by the geese either directly or indirectly into waterways, and generally  
11 causes significant lawn maintenance, sanitation, and nuisance problems for  
12 public parks, playgrounds, golf courses, schoolyards, and corporate parks;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The extent and seriousness of the resident goose overpopulation  
15 problem in New Jersey has been recognized previously by the granting of  
16 an early goose hunting season in September before migrant Canada geese  
17 arrive in New Jersey and a winter hunting season in some parts of the State  
18 that do not host overwintering migrants, but these limited hunting  
19 opportunities have not been enough to significantly reduce the population  
20 to the extent necessary to curb the economic damage and general public  
21 nuisance caused by these birds; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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25 1. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is respectfully memorialized  
26 to take all necessary action as soon as possible to authorize additional hunting  
27 opportunities for resident Canada geese in New Jersey, by increasing the  
28 number of hunting days allowed in September and October and in January

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 24, 1996.

1 ~~and~~ February, increasing the area in which winter season hunting is allowed  
2 in the State, or increasing bag limits, or by such other methods as may be  
3 deemed appropriate.

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5 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of  
6 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted  
7 to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
8 House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United  
9 States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, every member  
10 of Congress elected from this State, the Director of the United States Fish and  
11 Wildlife Service, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of  
12 Environmental Protection.

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17 Memorializes U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to expand resident goose hunting  
18 opportunities in NJ.