

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 40

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 1996

By Senator HAINES

1 A **SENATE RESOLUTION** memorializing the United States Fish and Wildlife  
2 Service to authorize additional hunting opportunities for resident Canada  
3 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 Senate 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 in February, increasing the  
29 area in which winter season hunting is allowed in the State, or increasing bag  
30 limits, or by such other methods as may be deemed appropriate.

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32 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of  
33 the Senate attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the  
34 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House  
35 of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States

1 Senate and the United States House of Representatives, every member of  
2 Congress elected from this State, the Director of the United States Fish and  
3 Wildlife Service, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of  
4 Environmental Protection.

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9 This resolution would memorialize the United States Fish and Wildlife  
10 Service to take all necessary action as soon as possible to authorize additional  
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12 the number of hunting days allowed in September and in February, increasing  
13 the area in which winter season hunting is allowed in the State, or increasing  
14 bag limits, or by such other methods as may be deemed appropriate.

15 The large resident Canada goose population in New Jersey causes millions  
16 of dollars worth of damage to farm crops every year, contributes to nonpoint  
17 pollution through the great amount of fecal droppings deposited by the geese  
18 either directly or indirectly into waterways, and generally causes significant  
19 lawn maintenance, sanitation, and nuisance problems for public parks,  
20 playgrounds, golf courses, schoolyards, and corporate parks. This resolution  
21 would urge the appropriate federal authorities to take the action necessary to  
22 curb this significant and growing problem.

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