

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5878**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$90,000 to Department of State to erect statue of “Jersey” Joe Walcott.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/2/2021)**

A native of Camden County, “Jersey” Joe Walcott was an accomplished boxer whose career spanned over 20 years. Walcott became the Heavyweight Champion of the World on July 18, 1951, becoming the oldest boxer to hold that title at the time. His boxing career earned him a spot in the World Boxing Hall of Fame and the International Boxing Hall of Fame. After his boxing career, Walcott served as a boxing referee and was elected as the first African American Sheriff of Camden County in 1971. From 1975 to 1984, he was the chairman of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.