

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

SENATE RESOLUTION

By Senate President SWEENEY and Senators KYRILLOS and BECK

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of New Jersey is pleased to honor and salute the Twin Lights Historical Society, a highly esteemed organization within the Garden State, in recognition of the captivating and award-winning documentary, *You Heard It Here First: The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights*, which was produced by its dedicated members; and,

WHEREAS, Narrated by acclaimed actor, Edward Asner, *You Heard It Here First: The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights* chronicles the origins of our nation's oath of loyalty; and,

WHEREAS, The *Pledge of Allegiance*, written by Francis Bellamy, was first recited by Bellamy as our national oath on Tuesday, April 25, 1893, at the Twin Lights Lighthouse atop the Navesink Highlands during the official dedication ceremony of the Liberty Pole, a one-hundred-thirty-five-foot-tall American monument that stood as a beacon greeting millions of immigrants as they neared the newly constructed Ellis Island; and,

WHEREAS, The recipient of the prestigious Best Documentary Short Award at the 2016 Garden State Film Festival, *You Heard It Here First: The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights* is a testament to the tireless and exemplary efforts of the Twin Lights Historical Society to promote, preserve, and protect our country's storied past, and, through its superb initiatives, including the renovation of the Twin Lights Museum and the opening of the new exhibit, *Seeing Stars: Every Flag Tells a Story*, it has set a standard of good and responsible citizenship that is worthy of emulation; and,

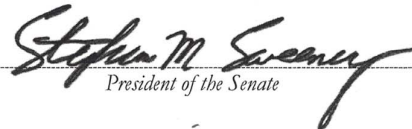
WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for this House to pause in its deliberations to praise the members of the Twin Lights Historical Society, and to commend them as individuals of outstanding character and exceptional achievement; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

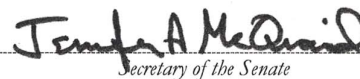
That this House hereby joins in honoring and congratulating the Twin Lights Historical Society upon the success of their film, *You Heard It Here First: The Pledge of Allegiance at the Twin Lights*, pays tribute to their praiseworthy contributions, and extends sincere best wishes for continued vigor in the years ahead; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, be transmitted to the Twin Lights Historical Society.




President of the Senate

Attest:


Secretary of the Senate