

Public Law 98-293  
98th Congress

## Joint Resolution

Designating the Brigantine and Barnegat units of the National Wildlife Refuge System as the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

May 22, 1984  
[H.J. Res. 537]

Whereas, Congressman Edwin B. Forsythe, in his role as Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, was an outstanding leader for conservation of our natural resources and protection of our Nation's natural beauty;

Whereas, during his career he played a critical role in such important natural resource legislation such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976;

Whereas, he was the major Congressional sponsor of the Nongame Wildlife Act, which increased public interest and concern for species of wildlife not subject to taking for sport;

Whereas, throughout his Congressional career, he was a strong defender of the National Wildlife Refuge System;

Whereas, he had a deep affection for the coastal wildlife refuges in his home State of New Jersey: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge and the Barnegat National Wildlife Refuge in the State of New Jersey shall hereafter be collectively named and designated as the "Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge". Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to either of such refuges shall be held to be a reference to the "Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge".*

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16 USC 1361  
note, 1531 note.  
16 USC 1801  
note.16 USC 668dd  
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