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.

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 Conserva­
tion and the Environment, was an outstanding leader for con­
servation of our natural resources and protection of our Nation’s
natural beauty;
Whereas, during his career he played a critical role in such impor­
tant 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 srong
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 Na­
tional 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”.

Approved May 22, 1984.

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