

SENATE BILL 331

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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Rachel Carson Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim annually a certain date as
4 Rachel Carson Day; and generally relating to establishing Rachel Carson Day.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – State Government
7 Section 13–406
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Through careful science and lyric prose, Rachel Carson laid the
12 foundation for the modern environmental movement in America; and

13 WHEREAS, Her work led to environmental legislation that still guides the
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Her book, The Silent Spring, created new awareness among
16 citizens and their government of the risks of certain pesticides; and

17 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson's work led to a ban on DDT and a subsequent
18 resurgence of many wildlife species in the United States, including the bald eagle; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The Silent Spring has been cited as one of the best nonfiction books
2 of the 20th century and one of the 25 greatest science books of all time; and

3 WHEREAS, In honor of her contributions, Rachel Carson received the
4 Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award; and

5 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson was a citizen of Maryland and resided in Maryland
6 when she produced her most important writings, including *The Silent Spring*; and

7 WHEREAS, Rachel Carson was born 100 years ago on May 27, 1907; now,
8 therefore,

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

13-406.

13 **IN RECOGNITION OF RACHEL CARSON'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS**
14 **TO SCIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL**
15 **WORLD AND OUR IMPACT ON IT, THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM**
16 **MAY 27 AS RACHEL CARSON DAY.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 June 1, 2007.