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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

HONORING THE YOUNG WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF DELAWARE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2017 SESSION OF DELAWARE GIRLS STATE.

WHEREAS, during the week of June 18, 2017, young women from across the State of Delaware, students at the State's public and private high schools, come to Legislative Hall in Dover to participate in the 2017 session of Delaware Girls State; and

WHEREAS, during their stay here, these young women will receive valuable hands-on training and experience in the legislative process and the ways of State government, which will serve them in good stead in their later lives; and

WHEREAS, the experience they receive during Girls State will prove especially useful to those among their number who go on to assume leadership roles in government or seek elective office in the future; and

WHEREAS, the participants in Delaware Girls State have, during their session, elected from among their ranks a Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary of State, an Attorney General, a State Treasurer, a State Auditor, a State Insurance Commissioner, a Secretary of Education and leaders of both houses of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the young women participating in the 2017 session of Girls State include:

Shannon Ward of A.I. duPont High School

Grace Ly of Appoquinimink High School

Grace Zhang of Archmere Academy

Sachi Shetty of Cab Calloway of the Arts

Kaitlyn Smith of Cab Calloway of the Arts

Maya Nona-Sinkam of Cab Calloway of the Arts

Cullen Kisner of Caesar Rodney High School

Madison Cook of Caesar Rodney High School

Eryne Jenkins of Caesar Rodney High School

Florin Faud of Caesar Rodney High School
Ella Wisniewski of Caesar Rodney High School
Alyssa Spell of Cape Henlopen High School
Esly Marin-Landa of Cape Henlopen High School
Atonia Panchoo of Cape Henlopen High School
Rachel Carlton of Carvel Academy
Domenica Proud of Charter School of Wilmington
Swati Batchu of Charter School of Wilmington
Kelsey McRae of Concord High School
Molly Meinecke of Concord High School
Millicent Ayako of Conrad Schools of Science
Brianna Bryson of Conrad Schools of Science
Nicole Kennedy of Conrad Schools of Science
Danajza Wilmore of Delaware Academy of Public Safety & Security
Jacqueline Gutierrez of Delcastle Technical High School
Maria Morelli of Delmar High School
Vasmi Patel of Delmar High School
Elise Buonopane of Delaware Military Academy
Kathryn Certesio of Delaware Military Academy
Lauren Bell of Delaware Military Academy
Brittney Rosello of Dover High School
Taylor Purner of Dover High School
Kaitly Madron of Hodgson Vocational Technical High School
Jessyca Flores of Hodgson Vocational Technical High School
Rawan Gherasim of Middletown High School
Jennifer Beck of Middletown High School
Ashley Raborg of Middletown High School
Oluwadamilola Akinbayo of Middletown High School
Hollan Brockenbrough of Mt. Pleasant High School
Lillian Peterson of Newark Charter High School
Vyshnavi Kosigishroff of Newark Charter High School
Natalie Nwanekwu of Newark Charter High School
Leah Somerville of Sanford High School
Elizabeth Vander Laan of Sanford High School

Elizabeth Cataldi of Seaford High School

Kaitlyn Dimes of Seaford High School

Emily King of Seaford High School

Hannah Henderson of Seaford High School

Casey Berchtold of Smyrna High School

Nikki Pratt of Smyrna High School

Laurel Hossler of Smyrna High School

Callie Keen of Smyrna High School

Cassidy Cook of Smyrna High School

Mary Kegelman of St. Elizabeth's High School

Emily Smith of St. Elizabeth's High School

Claudia Roncone of St. Elizabeth's High School

Kala Richardson of St. Marks High School

Mollie Russell of St. Marks High School

Nicole Pinera of St. Thomas More Academy

Mary McArtor of St. Thomas More Academy

Sophia Stafford of St. Thomas More Academy

Tessa Elling of Sussex Academy

Arely Hernandez-Mejia of Sussex Central High School

Hope Craig of Sussex Technical High School

Amy Craft of Sussex Technical High School

Ashley Hangstefer of Sussex Technical High School

Kathleen Saxon of Sussex Technical High School

Alexis Young of Ursuline Academy

Issela Rios of Wilmington Friends School

Olivia O'Donnell of Wilmington Friends School

Kennedy Butch of Indian River High School

Isabel Wolfenbarger of Indian River High School

WHEREAS, during their week-long session these young women will learn many of the details of the process whereby a bill becomes a law, and debate and discuss many issues both timely and of great importance to the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, throughout the week the Girls State delegates will be deeply involved in a study of such subjects as conduct of elections, the operation for the legislative caucus and committee systems, majority and minority positions, and many other aspects of the political process, all of which will give them valuable knowledge of the manner in which the American system of representative democracy operates; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware has once again sponsored this important educational program, as it has done for many years, thereby displaying a deep dedication to the American system of government and to the essential task of ensuring that our youth understand and appreciate that system;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149

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General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate thereof concurring therein, that its members do hereby commend each of the participants in the 2017 Girls State session for their hard work and extend to each sincere congratulations on a very successful session at Legislative Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate do hereby extend to every participant sincere best wishes for success in all future endeavors, together with the hope that at least a few of these fine young Delawareans may one day find themselves again in the House or Senate chamber as duly elected representatives of their fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate do hereby commend and thank the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware for its sponsorship of this outstanding program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be presented to each of the delegates of the 2017 Session of Girls State, and to the sponsor of the event, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution recognizes and honors the young women of Delaware participating in the 2017 session of Delaware Girls State.