



SPONSOR: Rep. Schwartzkopf & Rep. Longhurst & Rep. Mitchell & Rep. D. Short & Rep. Dukes on behalf of all Representatives & Sen. McBride & Sen. Poore & Sen. Townsend & Sen. Hocker & Sen. Cloutier on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

HONORING THE YOUNG WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF DELAWARE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2019 SESSION OF DELAWARE GIRLS STATE.

1 WHEREAS, during the week of June 16, 2019, young women from across the State of Delaware, students at the  
2 State's public and private high schools, come to Legislative Hall in Dover to participate in the 2019 session of Delaware  
3 Girls State; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, the participants in Delaware Girls State have, during their session, elected from among their ranks a  
9 Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, a State Treasurer, a State Auditor, a State Insurance Commissioner,  
10 cabinet members, Mayor of Dover, Chief of Capitol Police, members of the Press, and leadership of both Houses of the  
11 General Assembly; and

12 WHEREAS, the young women participating in the 2019 session of Girls State include:

- 13 Sandra Thuku of Appoquinimink High School
- 14 Shreeya Parekh of Appoquinimink High School
- 15 Shreya Mehta of Appoquinimink High School
- 16 Raynell Crook of Brooke Point High School
- 17 Sophia Block of Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 18 Alexis Nowak of Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- 19 Isabella Andaya of Caesar Rodney High School
- 20 Micaela Maxwell of Caesar Rodney High School
- 21 Mariam Fondong of Caesar Rodney High School
- 22 Shekinah Cannon of Calvary Christian Academy

23 Clara-Rosa Hertzog of Cape Henlopen High School  
24 Anna Morris of Cape Henlopen High School  
25 Maya Patel of Caravel Academy  
26 Colleen Sheridan of Caravel Academy  
27 Dorcas Olatunji of Charter School of Wilmington  
28 Abigail Diaz of Charter School of Wilmington  
29 Annabelle Ryu of Charter School of Wilmington  
30 Deborah Olatunji of Charter School of Wilmington  
31 Disha Thakar of Concord High School  
32 Victoria Brown of Conrad Schools of Science  
33 Beth Davis of Conrad Schools of Science  
34 Ellie Appleton of Delaware Military Academy  
35 Julia Bacci of Delaware Military Academy  
36 Olivia Farris of Delaware Military Academy  
37 Ashlyn Darling of Dover High School  
38 Isabella Dunning of First State Military Academy  
39 Ikwesilotuto (Kay) Ezeh of First State Military Academy  
40 Raven Gaeta of First State Military Academy  
41 Riley Murray of Indian River High School  
42 Kaila McCabe of Indian River High School  
43 Lahna Chagaris of Lake Forest High School  
44 Brianna Pickles of Lake Forest High School  
45 Allison Lawson of Lake Forest High School  
46 Katelyn Fuller of Middletown High School  
47 Haley Miller of Middletown High School  
48 Jaya Penn of Middletown High School  
49 Kylie Wagner of Middletown High School  
50 Alyssa Lee of MOT Charter High School  
51 Caitlin Wrinn of MOT Charter High School  
52 Safiyyah Wilson of Newark Charter School

53 Ruhi Khan of Newark Charter School  
54 Mikayla Dolo-Pittman of Newark High School  
55 Lelah Tehmeh of Newark High School  
56 Maryam Woods of Odyssey Charter School  
57 Hope Jones of POLYTECH High School  
58 Nia Naylor of Sanford School  
59 Alessandra Prezioso of Sanford School  
60 Yessica Galvez-Borja of Seaford High School  
61 Karlee Davidson of Seaford High School  
62 Marley Fishburn of Seaford High School  
63 Delaney Meginniss of Smyrna High School  
64 Amy Ndiaye of Smyrna High School  
65 Melissa Perez of Smyrna High School  
66 Adrianna Kaminski of Smyrna High School  
67 Megan Somers of St. Elizabeth High School  
68 Claudia Offutt of St. Elizabeth High School  
69 Alexis Sterling of St. Thomas More Academy  
70 Margaret Kosior of St. Thomas More Academy  
71 Jane Godfrey of St. Thomas More Academy  
72 Bridget Cosgrove of Sussex Academy  
73 Emma Evan of Sussex Central High School  
74 Sharnae Harmon of Sussex Technical High School  
75 Zoe Quevedo of Sussex Technical High School  
76 Janay Smith of Thomas McKean High School  
77 Tania Zuniga Sosa of Thomas McKean High School

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

81 WHEREAS, throughout the week the Girls State delegates will be deeply involved in a study of such subjects as  
82 conduct of elections, the operation for the legislative caucus and committee systems, majority and minority positions, and

83 many other aspects of the political process, all of which will give them valuable knowledge of the manner in which the  
84 American system of representative democracy operates; and

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

88 NOW, THEREFORE:

89 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 150<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
90 Senate thereof concurring therein, that its members do hereby commend each of the participants in the 2019 Girls State  
91 session for their hard work and extend to each sincere congratulations on a very successful session at Legislative Hall.

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

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

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be presented to each of the delegates of the  
100 2019 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 2019 session of Delaware Girls State.