



SPONSOR: Rep. Longhurst & Rep. Hensley & Rep. Minor-Brown & Sen. Poore  
Reps. Bolden, Briggs King, Carson, Gray, K. Johnson, Morrison, Ramone, Michael Smith, Yearick; Sens. Hansen, Hoffner, Lawson, Mantzavinos, Pettyjohn, Sokola, Walsh

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

RECOGNIZING THE EASTERSEALS/CAI VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE AND THE VOLLEYBALL AMBASSADOR, CAROLYN JERZAK IN THE 17TH YEAR OF DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN TEAM PARTICIPATION.

1 WHEREAS, Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore is celebrating a rich history of providing services  
2 and support to people with disabilities and their families for 75 years, whether those disabilities occurred at birth or resulted  
3 from traumatic injury, disease, or the aging process; and

4 WHEREAS, Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore annually support thousands of children and adults  
5 through direct and indirect services such as physical, occupational and speech therapies, employment and adult day  
6 programs, personal attendant and caregiver services, and assistive technology; and

7 WHEREAS, the Easterseals/CAI Volleyball Challenge is in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year, and since 2001, Easterseals has raised  
8 more than \$5.8 million through the Volleyball Challenge, providing much-needed funding for services that benefit people  
9 with disabilities and senior citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, Delaware Democrat and Republican teams have engaged in friendly competition against one another  
11 for the past 17 years to raise awareness and generate funds for their great cause; and

12 WHEREAS, the Delaware Democrat and Republican teams have collectively raised more than \$66,655.00 in the  
13 last 17 years; and

14 WHEREAS, the Delaware Republican team is currently leading the Democrat team ten matches to six matches;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, ambassadors are selected annually to inform the public at the annual volleyball tournament about the  
17 important services provided by Easterseals; and

18 WHEREAS, the 2023 Volleyball Ambassador is Carolyn Jerzak, a young adult who is included in her community  
19 through Easterseals day program for adults with intellectual disabilities.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
22 Senate concurring therein, that the Easterseals/CAI Volleyball Challenge on March 25 at William Penn High School in New

23 Castle and March 26 at Delaware State University, receives appropriate recognition, and that the Easterseals Delaware &  
24 Maryland's Eastern Shore Volleyball Ambassador, Carolyn Jerzak, and her family receive the gratitude of the Legislature.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democrats and Republicans agree to field on the court more Delaware elected  
26 officials than non-elected persons as an effort to uphold the integrity of this contest and to ensure a fair outcome.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the Easterseals/CAI Volleyball Challenge occurring March 25 at William Penn High School and March 26 at Delaware State University, an event that raises funds for an organization providing services and support to Delawareans with disabilities and senior citizens and their families.