



SPONSOR: Rep. Lambert & Sen. Gay  
Sens. S. McBride, Sturgeon

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLAYMONT LIONS CLUB.

1 WHEREAS, in 1917, Chicago Businessman, Melvin Jones, leader of the local Business Circle, decided they  
2 should “reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world” to which the  
3 members agreed; and

4 WHEREAS, after contacting other groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held where a  
5 constitution, by-laws, objectives and code of ethics were approved, and Lions Clubs were formed, and within three years,  
6 the organization became international; and

7 WHEREAS, twenty civic minded Claymont businessmen came together on March 28, 1938 and formed the  
8 Claymont Lions Club to serve the community; and

9 WHEREAS, it was the first service club of any kind organized in Brandywine Hundred; and

10 WHEREAS, the Claymont Lions Club has provided continuous service to the Claymont Community and beyond  
11 for 85 years through, the Delaware Foundation for Reaching Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities, the Delaware Lions  
12 Foundation, Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, the Claymont Community Center, Knollwood Community Center,  
13 scholarships, the Claymont food closet, Boys and Girls Club, Claymont Girls Fastpitch Softball, various civic  
14 improvements and the purchase and installation of the ADA accessible playground at Bellevue State park; and

15 WHEREAS, the Claymont Lions have contributed over \$1.7 million to the local community and beyond during  
16 their 85 years of service; and

17 WHEREAS, the Claymont Community, New Castle County, and the State of Delaware have benefited from the  
18 influence this organization has exerted through the years, in the many facets of its outreach and practical assistance to  
19 mankind; and

20 WHEREAS, the Claymont Lions Club has followed the Lions Club International motto of “WE SERVE”.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by and for the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware hereby extends this  
23 expression of gratitude and best wishes to the Claymont Lions Club on its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the club’s service to the  
24 Claymont Community, New Castle County, the State of Delaware and the international community.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes 2023 as the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the Claymont Lions Club.

