



SPONSOR: Rep. Gray on behalf of all Representatives & Sen. Hocker  
on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BETHANY BEACH AND THE TOWN OF PÉRIERS IN NORMANDY, FRANCE, AND THE LIBERATION OF PÉRIERS IN WORLD WAR II.

1 WHEREAS, Bethany Beach established a “sister city” or “twinning” relationship with Périers in 2010  
2 because the father of a local Bethany resident had served as a battalion commander in the U.S. Army 90<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division  
3 that liberated Périers from Nazi occupation in 1944 during World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, the citizens of Périers continue to honor the American soldiers who died in the liberation of their  
5 town and every year place flags on the graves of those buried in Normandy; and

6 WHEREAS, the citizens of Bethany Beach and Périers remember and celebrate the momentous occasion of  
7 the liberation and their special relationship every year; and

8 WHEREAS, a delegation from Bethany Beach will travel to Périers in May 2023 for a joint celebration; and

9 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to thank the citizens of Périers for continuing to honor our fallen heroes who  
10 sacrificed their lives in the liberation of Périers; and

11 WHEREAS, it is also appropriate to recognize and celebrate the bond of friendship of the citizens of Périers  
12 with the citizens of Bethany Beach and the State of Delaware.

13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware,  
15 the Senate concurring therein, that the General Assembly hereby expresses our appreciation and gratitude to the citizens of  
16 Periers, France for continuing to remember and honor the American soldiers who died in the liberation of their town in  
17 World War II.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly hereby recognizes the special relationship between  
19 Périers, France and the Town of Bethany Beach, Delaware, a relationship that celebrates liberty and enduring friendship.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 2 suitably prepared copies of this resolution be presented to the Town of  
21 Bethany Beach.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes the special relationship between Bethany Beach and Périers, France and the liberation of Périers in World War II.