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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

EXTENDING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

1 WHEREAS, the Francis Scott Key Bridge (Bridge) in Maryland carries Interstate 695 across the lower Patapsco  
2 River and outer Baltimore Harbor and Port; and

3 WHEREAS, named after the author of the “Star-Spangled Banner,” the 1.6 mile, 4-lane bridge is the second  
4 longest continuous truss bridge in the United States and third in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, the Bridge is critical to shipping on the East Coast, and the port’s private and public terminals  
6 handled the most of any United States port in 2023, including 847,158 automobiles and light trucks; and

7 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of March 26, 2024, the container ship Dali impacted a support pillar on  
8 the Bridge, causing a failure of the center span leading to collapse; and

9 WHEREAS, vehicular traffic and construction crews were on the span at the time of collapse; and

10 WHEREAS, rescuers quickly were on the scene and rescued two individuals from the water; and

11 WHEREAS, as of the passage of this resolution, there are still individuals unaccounted for; and

12 WHEREAS, first responders from the State of Maryland and across the region have converged on the area to  
13 provide support.

14 NOW, THEREFORE:

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the thoughts and  
16 prayers of the people of Delaware are extended to our sister state of Maryland, to the victims’ families, and to the first  
17 responders who are assisting with the search and recovery effort.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution extends thoughts and prayers from the people of Delaware to our sister state of Maryland, to the victims’ families, and to the first responders who are assisting with the search and recovery efforts.

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