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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF HAWKS, INC. IN HELPING WITH THE CLEAN-UP OF THE 11TH STREET BRIDGE AFTER HURRICANE IDA IN 2021.

1 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc. is an organization of young men from Wilmington's Northeast who founded a life-long
2 brotherhood in the 1960's that continues to this day; and

3 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc.'s mission is to volunteer service, support, and mentoring to help empower citizens of
4 Northeast Wilmington by providing education and coaching; and

5 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc.'s vision is to create a better everyday life for citizens of Northeast Wilmington; and

6 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc.'s objectives are to use life experiences to address the concerns of citizens in
7 Northeast Wilmington and surrounding areas, to help create safe spaces for the residents of Delaware, and to develop
8 partnerships with other community organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc. members are committed to obeying the code of respecting their elders and their
10 community; and

11 WHEREAS, during their childhoods, members of Hawks, Inc. played baseball, kickball, basketball, football, made
12 sling shots, bows and arrows, went swimming, rode bikes, and went to recreation every day at the Kingswood Community
13 Center on 14th and Claymont Street in Wilmington, Delaware; and

14 WHEREAS, they learned how to communicate with others at Kingswood, and, as a result, many of them were
15 given opportunities that they would not have had otherwise; and

16 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc. was formed in the 1960s in Wilmington, while other youth and young adults in the
17 community were forming gangs in the city; and

18 WHEREAS, William "Hicks" Anderson, one of the directors at Kingswood in the late '60s, took a special interest
19 in the Hawks and met with them regularly, instilling within them values of self-respect, dignity, and manhood, that was
20 foundational in turning the Hawks into a club rather than a gang; and

21 WHEREAS, Hawks, Inc. developed its own identity, which was enhanced by its commitment to volunteering
22 service and providing support to the community; and

23 WHEREAS, one of their many acts of service was to volunteer to assist families in their clean-up and recovery
24 following the 11th Street Bridge flood in 2021 caused by Hurricane Ida.

25 NOW, THEREFORE:

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware recognizes the service
27 of Hawks, Inc. for their role in helping their community recover from the devastating 11th Street Bridge flooding and
28 subsequent damage caused by Hurricane Ida in September 2021.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the efforts of Hawks, Inc. in helping with the clean-up of the 11th Street Bridge after Hurricane Ida in 2021.

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