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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 146

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUSSEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, conservation districts had their beginning in the 1930s when Congress, in response to national
2 concerns over mounting erosion, floods, and the sky-blackening dust storms that swept across the county, enacted the Soil
3 Conservation Act of 1935; and

4 WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation Act of 1935 stated for the first time a national policy to provide a permanent
5 program for the control and prevention of soil erosion and directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Soil
6 Conservation District to implement said policy; and

7 WHEREAS, the concept of the conservation districts was to enlist the cooperation of landowners and occupiers in
8 carrying out the programs authorized by the act; and

9 WHEREAS, Delaware's enabling act was passed on April 12, 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, Delaware created the Soil Conservation Commission to determine the need for districts, define their
11 boundaries, conduct elections of the first Board of Supervisors and assure that District programs conformed to the
12 legislative intent; and

13 WHEREAS, the Sussex Conservation District (SCD) was approved by public referendum in December 1943 and
14 was formally established on February 16, 1944; and

15 WHEREAS, the mission of the SCD is to provide technical guidance and financial assistance to enhance,
16 maintain, protect, and improve land and water resources; and

17 WHEREAS, today, SCD implements conservation practices through agriculture, stormwater management, and
18 heavy equipment programs; and

19 WHEREAS, the SCD is involved in numerous programs that help Sussex County landowners become better
20 stewards of the environment.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of the Delaware, the House of
23 Representatives Concurring therein, recognizes the 80th anniversary of the Sussex Conservation District.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the 80th Anniversary of the Sussex Conservation District and its commitment to provide technical guidance and financial assistance to enhance, maintain, protect, and improve land and water resources.

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