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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 192

COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS.

1 WHEREAS, on July 26, 1994, the Inland Bays Watershed Enhancement Act was signed into law and the
2 Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) was established as one of the 28 National Estuary Programs; and

3 WHEREAS, for 30 years the Delaware CIB has been working with numerous partners to preserve, protect, and
4 restore the Bays and the surrounding watershed; and

5 WHEREAS, the Inland Bays watershed is 292 square miles of land that drains to 35 square miles of bays and tidal
6 tributaries; and

7 WHEREAS, collectively known as an estuary, these 35 miles are where freshwater rivers meet the salty ocean;
8 estuaries support 80% of the world's fish and shellfish species; and

9 WHEREAS, the CIB's scientists work with DNREC, environmental groups, and volunteers to collect
10 comprehensive data on the waters of the Inland Bays and the species found in them; and

11 WHEREAS, the CIB promotes environmental literacy with hands-on educational programs for local students and
12 youth organizations at the James Farm Ecological Preserve in Ocean View; and

13 WHEREAS, they are keeping nutrients out of the water by restoring shorelines and forested buffers along the
14 Bays; and

15 WHEREAS, the CIB works with citizens, businesses, and legislators to promote sound public policy that ensures
16 the protection and restoration of water quality and habitat throughout the Inland Bays watershed; and

17 WHEREAS, they work with landowners, communities, and other nonprofits to plant native trees and shrubs in
18 strategic areas throughout the Inland Bays watershed; and

19 WHEREAS, the CIB helps communities design and implement new stormwater controls that clean water, prevent
20 flooding, and beautify neighborhoods.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
23 Representatives concurring therein, that we commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays.

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