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Representatives & Sen. McBride & Sen. Henry &
Sen. Poore & Sen. Simpson & Sen. Lavelle on behalf of
all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

HONORING THE YOUNG WOMEN FROM ACROSS THE STATE OF DELAWARE PARTICIPATING IN THE 2017
SESSION OF DELAWARE GIRLS STATE.

1 WHEREAS, during the week of June 18, 2017, young women from across the State of Delaware, students at the
2 State's public and private high schools, come to Legislative Hall in Dover to participate in the 2017 session of Delaware
3 Girls State; and

4 WHEREAS, during their stay here, these young women will receive valuable hands-on training and experience in
5 the legislative process and the ways of State government, which will serve them in good stead in their later lives; and

6 WHEREAS, the experience they receive during Girls State will prove especially useful to those among their
7 number who go on to assume leadership roles in government or seek elective office in the future; and

8 WHEREAS, the participants in Delaware Girls State have, during their session, elected from among their ranks a
9 Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary of State, an Attorney General, a State Treasurer, a State Auditor, a State
10 Insurance Commissioner, a Secretary of Education and leaders of both houses of the General Assembly; and

11 WHEREAS, the young women participating in the 2017 session of Girls State include:

12 Shannon Ward of A.I. duPont High School

13 Grace Ly of Appoquinimink High School

14 Grace Zhang of Archmere Academy

15 Sachi Shetty of Cab Calloway of the Arts

16 Kaitlyn Smith of Cab Calloway of the Arts

17 Maya Nona-Sinkam of Cab Calloway of the Arts

18 Cullen Kisner of Caesar Rodney High School

19 Madison Cook of Caesar Rodney High School

20 Eryne Jenkins of Caesar Rodney High School

21 Florin Faud of Caesar Rodney High School

22 Ella Wisniewski of Caesar Rodney High School

23 Alyssa Spell of Cape Henlopen High School
24 Esly Marin-Landa of Cape Henlopen High School
25 Atonia Panchoo of Cape Henlopen High School
26 Rachel Carlton of Carvel Academy
27 Domenica Proud of Charter School of Wilmington
28 Swati Batchu of Charter School of Wilmington
29 Kelsey McRae of Concord High School
30 Molly Meinecke of Concord High School
31 Millicent Ayako of Conrad Schools of Science
32 Brianna Bryson of Conrad Schools of Science
33 Nicole Kennedy of Conrad Schools of Science
34 Danajza Wilmore of Delaware Academy of Public Safety & Security
35 Jacqueline Gutierrez of Delcastle Technical High School
36 Maria Morelli of Delmar High School
37 Vasmi Patel of Delmar High School
38 Elise Buonopane of Delaware Military Academy
39 Kathryn Certesio of Delaware Military Academy
40 Lauren Bell of Delaware Military Academy
41 Brittney Rosello of Dover High School
42 Taylor Purner of Dover High School
43 Kaitly Madron of Hodgson Vocational Technical High School
44 Jessyca Flores of Hodgson Vocational Technical High School
45 Rawan Gherasim of Middletown High School
46 Jennifer Beck of Middletown High School
47 Ashley Raborg of Middletown High School
48 Oluwadamilola Akinbayo of Middletown High School
49 Hollan Brockenbrough of Mt. Pleasant High School
50 Lillian Peterson of Newark Charter High School
51 Vyshnavi Kosigishroff of Newark Charter High School
52 Natalie Nwanekwu of Newark Charter High School

53	Leah Somerville of Sanford High School
54	Elizabeth Vander Laan of Sanford High School
55	Elizabeth Cataldi of Seaford High School
56	Kaitlyn Dimes of Seaford High School
57	Emily King of Seaford High School
58	Hannah Henderson of Seaford High School
59	Casey Berchtold of Smyrna High School
60	Nikki Pratt of Smyrna High School
61	Laurel Hossler of Smyrna High School
62	Callie Keen of Smyrna High School
63	Cassidy Cook of Smyrna High School
64	Mary Kegelmann of St. Elizabeth's High School
65	Emily Smith of St. Elizabeth's High School
66	Claudia Roncone of St. Elizabeth's High School
67	Kala Richardson of St. Marks High School
68	Mollie Russell of St. Marks High School
69	Nicole Pinera of St. Thomas More Academy
70	Mary McArtor of St. Thomas More Academy
71	Sophia Stafford of St. Thomas More Academy
72	Tessa Elling of Sussex Academy
73	Arely Hernandez-Mejia of Sussex Central High School
74	Hope Craig of Sussex Technical High School
75	Amy Craft of Sussex Technical High School
76	Ashley Hangstefer of Sussex Technical High School
77	Kathleen Saxon of Sussex Technical High School
78	Alexis Young of Ursuline Academy
79	Issela Rios of Wilmington Friends School
80	Olivia O'Donnell of Wilmington Friends School
81	Kennedy Butch of Indian River High School
82	Isabel Wolfenbarger of Indian River High School

83 WHEREAS, during their week-long session these young women will learn many of the details of the process
84 whereby a bill becomes a law, and debate and discuss many issues both timely and of great importance to the State of
85 Delaware; and

86 WHEREAS, throughout the week the Girls State delegates will be deeply involved in a study of such subjects as
87 conduct of elections, the operation for the legislative caucus and committee systems, majority and minority positions, and
88 many other aspects of the political process, all of which will give them valuable knowledge of the manner in which the
89 American system of representative democracy operates; and

90 WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware has once again sponsored this important
91 educational program, as it has done for many years, thereby displaying a deep dedication to the American system of
92 government and to the essential task of ensuring that our youth understand and appreciate that system;

93 NOW, THEREFORE:

94 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
95 Senate thereof concurring therein, that its members do hereby commend each of the participants in the 2017 Girls State
96 session for their hard work and extend to each sincere congratulations on a very successful session at Legislative Hall.

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate do hereby
98 extend to every participant sincere best wishes for success in all future endeavors, together with the hope that at least a few
99 of these fine young Delawareans may one day find themselves again in the House or Senate chamber as duly elected
100 representatives of their fellow citizens.

101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate do hereby
102 commend and thank the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware for its sponsorship of this outstanding
103 program.

104 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be presented to each of the delegates of the
105 2017 Session of Girls State, and to the sponsor of the event, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution recognizes and honors the young women of Delaware participating in the 2017 session of Delaware Girls State.