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Sen. Lockman & Sen. Hocker & Sen. Pettyjohn on behalf
of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

HONORING DELAWARE'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

1 WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 crisis, healthcare professionals, first responders, educators, in-home health
2 caregivers, public utility workers, and other essential workers have continued performing duties that are vital to the health,
3 safety, and well-being of all; and

4 WHEREAS, in performing their duties, these brave and selfless individuals face a heightened risk of exposure to
5 COVID-19 while ensuring life-sustaining services may continue without interruption; and

6 WHEREAS, all staff in Delaware hospitals and long-term care facilities are on the frontlines of the battle against
7 COVID-19, working to diagnose, treat, and prevent the spread of the virus while providing lifesaving care on a daily basis;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, first responders such as police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and
10 our National Guard and military members continue to protect and serve our communities, taking on increased
11 responsibilities amid this emergency; and

12 WHEREAS, first responders and those who work in clinics, hospitals, and health care facilities are the dauntless
13 heroes fighting this disease; being stretched to capacity and requiring additional steps to reinforce them; and

14 WHEREAS, educators and support staff have navigated the significant logistical and safety challenges created by
15 COVID-19 to provide their students with the resources, support, and encouragement to continue learning; and

16 WHEREAS, in-home health caregivers, who perform the vital work of caring for the most vulnerable
17 Delawareans, have had to make considerable sacrifices to keep those they care for safe and healthy; and

18 WHEREAS, organized labor workers have worked throughout this crisis to ensure critical services are delivered,
19 and their local union chapters have continued working to provide protection and resources for union families; and

20 WHEREAS, grocery store and pharmacy clerks, fast food and restaurant workers, public transit workers, gas
21 station attendants, and those who keep the supply chain of food and medicine running have had to rapidly adjust to
22 uncertain working environments while continuing to supply our communities with our most essential needs; and

23 WHEREAS, by serving others in the face of crisis, these individuals embody the spirit of community, and their
24 efforts stand as a beacon of hope in uncertain times; and

25 WHEREAS, the risks faced by those who continue to provide essential services has resulted in sickness and in
26 death for many.

27 NOW THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly, the Senate concurring therein,
29 that all who remain safe and healthy owe a debt of gratitude to those whose sacrifice makes that health and safety possible.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we mourn the loss of all essential workers who have lost their life as a result
31 of COVID-19.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we offer our deepest appreciation and heartfelt support for the medical
33 professionals, first responders, and all essential workers who keep our communities and our state strong.

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution honors Delaware's first responders and essential workers who have continued performing duties that are vital to the health, safety, and well-being of all Delawareans as we combat the COVID-19 pandemic.