



SPONSOR: Sen. Bonini on behalf of all Senators

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AS " WESLEY COLLEGE LEGACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Wesley College was founded on September 1, 1873 as a preparatory school named Wilmington
2 Conference Academy; and

3 WHEREAS, Wesley College accepted its first female students in 1874; and

4 WHEREAS, the College changed its name to Wesley Collegiate Institute in 1918 and then to Wesley Junior
5 College in 1941; and

6 WHEREAS, Wesley College was Delaware's oldest private college; and

7 WHEREAS, Wesley College was located in Delaware's capital city, Dover, and also operated an off-campus
8 location at the Dover Air Force Base; and

9 WHEREAS, Wesley College was a treasured resource for Delaware throughout its almost 150 year history; and

10 WHEREAS, Wesley College awarded nearly \$42 million in financial aid and scholarships to students annually,
11 which allowed students to pursue a higher education regardless of their financial background; and

12 WHEREAS, approximately 1,500 students attended the College's Dover campus each year from 21 states and
13 6 countries; and

14 WHEREAS, the College offered 30 bachelor's degrees, 4 associate's degrees, and master's degrees in
15 nursing, education, business administration and environmental science in a multi-denominational, multi-cultural campus
16 setting; and

17 WHEREAS, consistent with its Methodist heritage, the College affirmed meaning and purpose in life
18 through justice, compassion, inclusion and social responsibility that enhanced community life and respect for the
19 environment; and

20 WHEREAS, Wesley College existed to liberate and empower its students with the knowledge, skills,
21 ethical attitudes and capacity for critical thinking needed to achieve personal and professional goals and to contribute to the
22 local and global society; and

23 WHEREAS, Delaware and the surrounding region are filled with Wesley College graduates in all walks of life,
24 who contribute their all for our common good; and

25 WHEREAS, Wesley College was formally acquired by Delaware State University on July 1, 2021 and renamed
26 Wesley College of Health and Behavioral Sciences.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly that September 1, 2021 be proclaimed as
29 “Wesley College Legacy Day” in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates September 1, 2021 as "Wesley College Legacy Day" in the State of Delaware.

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