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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

EXTENDING A WARM WELCOME TO THE STUDENTS FROM JOE POLOWSKI HIGH SCHOOL OF TORGAU, GERMANY.

1 WHEREAS, on April 25, 1945 American soldiers met Soviet troops on the banks of the Elbe River
2 in Torgau, Germany; and

3 WHEREAS, one of those GIs was Private Joe Polowski, a taxi driver from Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Polowski dedicated the rest of his life to peace and international understanding and
5 returned to Torgau many times and was buried there with honors by the United States military; and

6 WHEREAS, on the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II, the high school in Torgau was
7 named the Joe Polowski High School; and

8 WHEREAS, on April 26, 1996 a school partnership agreement was signed by Dr. Joseph P.
9 DeJohn, Brandywine School District Superintendent, and Eberhard Henke, Joe Polowski High School
10 Principal; and

11 WHEREAS, the Declaration of School Partnership stated: "One cornerstone of this relationship
12 shall be, as declared by Joe Polowski, 'the citizen diplomacy' which calls for the active involvement of
13 ordinary citizens in the matters affecting today's world"; and

14 WHEREAS, that partnership began with the exchange of students and teachers between the
15 Brandywine School District and Joe Polowski High School in the spring and summer of 1997.

16 NOW THEREFORE:

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate of the 141st General Assembly, the House of
18 Representatives concurring therein, that a warm welcome is hereby extended to the following students and
19 their chaperones, Herr Wolf-Rudiger Heschke and Frau Gabriele Klemm, from Joe Polowski High School
20 who are here in Delaware on May 10, 2001:

21	Anne Klemm	Katja Schneider
22	Janine Witzig	Caterina Paul
23	Robert Kurschner	Juliane Forstner
24	Doreen Stubner	Anja Muller

25	Annelie Poschel	Robin Lippert
26	Liane Sickert	Anne Stephan
27	Stephan Richter	Christoph Aulrich
28	Franziska Hagen	Martina Flatgen
29	Maik Otremba	Lysann Meinhardt
30	Katharina Mertsch	Claudia Rodiger
31	Doreen Blanke	Antje Kristen

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware host families, whose hospitality has been crucial
33 to the success of this exchange, be commended for opening their homes and hearts to our Torgau visitors;
34 and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joe Polowski High School and the Brandywine School District
36 be commended for their exemplary efforts in building this bridge of understanding and cooperation
37 between the United States and Germany; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution, suitably prepared copies shall
39 be forwarded to Joe Polowski High School and the Brandywine School District.