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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
145th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2009, AS AMATEUR RADIO MONTH IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, each year during the month of June, amateur radio operators, who are more commonly referred to as
2 “Hams,” gather at points both in Delaware and across the United States to participate in an event known as “American
3 Radio Relay League Field Day”; and

4 WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is the national association for amateur radio operators,
5 based in Newington, Connecticut; and

6 WHEREAS, the annual field day is an emergency operations exercise in which hams assemble in the field with
7 their equipment, antennas, generators and accessories, and operate for 24 hours under emergency conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, the exercise is designed to replicate as closely as possible the conditions ham operators encounter
9 when they operate during and after tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and other natural and man-made disasters; and

10 WHEREAS, the object of the exercise is both to train new operators and to instill in them an interest in emergency
11 communications, as well as raising public awareness of ham radio’s essential role in establishing communications in
12 disaster areas when the normal government and/or commercial infrastructure has been disabled or destroyed; and

13 WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, is the best-known recent
14 example of ham operators taking time from their regular lives and activities to go to the aid of those affected by a disaster;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, those participating in the exercise will attempt to contact as many other ARRL sections around the
17 country as possible, communicating in a variety of ways, including traditional international Morse code, voice, and digital
18 modes in which computer is interfaced to radio; and

19 WHEREAS, the First State Amateur Radio Club, an affiliate of ARRL, will hold its annual field day event at
20 WDEL radio station at 2700 Shipley Road, Wilmington, on June 27 and 28, 2009;

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 145th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
23 Representatives concurring therein, that the Delaware General Assembly does hereby recognize the month of June, 2009, as
24 Amateur Radio Month in Delaware.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly commends Delaware's amateur radio operators for
26 their invaluable and public-spirited efforts to assist with communications during times of emergency.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly extends heartfelt best wishes to the First State Amateur
28 Radio Club and the American Radio Relay League for great success with the 2009 ARRL Field Day events in Delaware
29 and elsewhere.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this resolution be provided to the First State Amateur Radio
31 Club upon its passage.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of June, 2009 as Amateur Radio Month in Delaware and commends all those who serve their fellow citizens as amateur radio operators in the State of Delaware.

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