

**9225. RESOLUTION 05-20 RECOGNIZES AND APPLAUDS HUGH SWEENEY FOR OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE.** The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (“the Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Delaware Memorial Bridge Twin Span, and;

WHEREAS, the Delaware Memorial Bridge annually handles more than 17.6 million vehicles, including more than 2.3 million commercial vehicles, between New Castle, Delaware, and Deepwater, New Jersey, and;

WHEREAS, the Authority employs caring, dedicated and highly trained individuals to respond to all types of emergency situations, and;

WHEREAS, Hugh J. Sweeney of Woodbury, New Jersey was hired on June 19, 1995 to collect tolls at the Delaware Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a tractor-trailer approached the toll plaza at an unsafe speed and was unable to stop due to faulty brakes; and

WHEREAS, the tractor-trailer struck a concrete abutment, careened into the toll booth in lane 8 and subsequently rear-ended a car with two occupants that had stopped to pay the toll; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney, who miraculously escaped injury while collecting tolls in lane 8 at the time of the crash, immediately closed his lane, began to direct traffic around the accident scene, and offered assistance to those involved in the incident; and

WHEREAS, due to the quick actions of team members from various departments, including tolls, police, and maintenance, who worked together to remove the damaged vehicles, investigate the accident and clean-up debris, the four toll lanes affected by the accident were opened to the traveling public in less than two hours; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority desire to formally recognize Mr. Sweeney for his individual sacrifice, professionalism, and dedication in the successful resolution of this incident,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize and applaud Hugh J. Sweeney for his quick, focused, professional response under difficult circumstances and his dedication to outstanding public service, which reflects favorably on the Authority, and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, April 19, 2005.

On motion by Commissioner Dorn and seconded by Commissioner Jackson, Resolution 05-20 was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.