

10028. RESOLUTION 09-48 - RECOGNIZES AND SALUTES GARY F. SIMMERMAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Gary F. Simmerman was appointed by Governor Richard J. Codey to serve as a Commissioner for the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission Meeting on October 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmerman served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner, guiding the Budget and Finance Committee and sharing his expertise as a member of the Projects, Audit, and Ad-hoc By Laws Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmerman, through his experience in the public sector and knowledge gained as a prominent executive in South Jersey's banking industry, helped to shape and effectuate policy at the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a DRBA Commissioner, Mr. Simmerman supported a number of economic development projects which created jobs for the region's citizens and endorsed the investment of financial resources to improve and enhance the Authority's major transportation links, the Cape May - Lewes Ferry and Delaware Memorial Bridge facilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmerman advocated the Authority's participation in the Oyster Revitalization Task Force's efforts to improve the ecological integrity of the Delaware Bay and to facilitate the re-birth of the Bay's oyster populations, which could ultimately expand the economic base and employment opportunities for coastal communities in both states; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmerman also championed the Authority's new operations facility at the Millville Airport, containing administrative offices, conference room, shop and mezzanine storage space, and a six-bay snow removal equipment and vehicle storage area, to help facilitate maintenance activities and customer service at the Airport facility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmerman willingly supplied his time, talents, and energy to the successful operation of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, the DRBA Business Centre, New Castle Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the Three Forts Ferry Crossing, all of which are managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate Gary F. Simmerman for the invaluable services rendered by his to the States of New Jersey and Delaware through his outstanding contributions as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, July 21, 2009.

A motion to approve Resolution 09-48 was made by Commissioner Favre, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, and approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.