

9971. RESOLUTION 09-27 - RECOGNIZES AND SALUTES F. MICHAEL PARKOWSKI FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, F. Michael Parkowski was appointed by Governor Ruth Ann Minner to serve as a Commissioner for the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission Meeting on May 20, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkowski served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner – shepherding the bi-state agency as either its Chairman or Vice-Chairman for his entire tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkowski, through his experience and knowledge gained as both a prominent attorney and public servant in other governmental organizations, helped to shape and effectuate policy at the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a DRBA Commissioner, Mr. Parkowski 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. Parkowski was a key proponent regarding the establishment of the Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Task Force, which promoted the agency's outreach efforts and expanded business opportunities for minority and women-owned companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkowski was instrumental in the creation of the agency's By-Laws to improve governance and oversight as well as the adoption of numerous policies and procedures that enhanced accountability and strengthened corporate governance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parkowski 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; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby praise and congratulate F. Michael Parkowski for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of Delaware and New Jersey 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, April 21, 2009.

A motion to approve Resolution 09-27 was made by Commissioner Hogan, seconded by Commissioner Simmerman, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.