

**8971. RESOLUTION 03-52 - RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING 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; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Memorial Bridge is subject to more than 34 million vehicle crossings annually resulting in dangerous situations from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2003 a member of the public placed their self in harms way, which could have resulted in serious injury or death to their self or to other members of the public or Authority employees; and

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

WHEREAS, from the first notice of the incident to the successful conclusion of a high-angle rescue, the Authority employees acted responsively, professionally and as a coordinated team; and

WHEREAS, Authority employees put themselves in harms way to rescue a member of the motoring public; and

WHEREAS, Authority employees from the Police and Maintenance departments acted in a coordinated fashion under extremely difficult conditions to ensure a safe and successful rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority desire to formally recognize these employees for their individual and collective sacrifice and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the following employees were instrumental in the successful resolution of this incident;

E. Patrick Canning  
Father Stanley Drupieski  
John K. Jaeger, Jr.  
Vincent J. Manetti  
Thomas E. Nichols  
Bernard A. Nutter, III  
Shirley A. Timmons

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the preceding employees are hereby recognized and applauded for outstanding service to the public and the Authority and formally recognized for their dedication and professionalism.

Executive Director Johnson noted that this Resolution recognizes outstanding employees that risk their lives to save others.

Resolution 03-52 was moved by Commissioner Patterson and seconded by Commissioner McWilliams and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of 9-0. Each employee listed was congratulated and will receive a framed copy of the Resolution.