9726. RESOLUTION 08-06 - EXTENDS SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER COMMISSIONER EDWARD J. BENNETT

WHEREAS, Edward J. Bennett was appointed by Governor Thomas R. Carper to serve as a Commissioner for the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission Meeting on November 18, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner for six years; and

WHEREAS, as a DRBA Commissioner, Mr. Bennett 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett also served as an effective Delaware State Representative from 1976 to 1994, not only representing the needs and interests of the citizens of the 32nd District, but also gaining experience and insight that helped to shape and effectuate policy at the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, a successful Dover businessman for more than thirty years, Mr. Bennett operated Bennett Security Services, the first privately-owned security company on the Delmarva Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett had a record of deep community involvement, serving on the Board of Trustees for the University of Delaware and on the boards of many other organizations, including Wesley College, the Better Business Bureau and the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett passed away on Monday, December 17, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize and appreciate Mr. Bennett's outstanding, invaluable contributions to the bi-state agency and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority extends its condolences and sympathies to the family of Edward J. Bennett and does hereby record these proclamations by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, January 15, 2008.

A motion to approve Resolution 08-06 was made by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Lathem, and approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.

Chairperson Parkowski noted that he replaced Mr. Bennett on the Commission and that Mr. Bennett was a fine individual in the legislature and on the DRBA Board of Commissioners. He was a model in Delaware for public service and will be missed.