

9990. RESOLUTION 09-32 - RECOGNIZES AND SALUTES VERNA W. HENSLEY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Verna W. Hensley was appointed by Governor Ruth Ann Minner to serve as a Commissioner for the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in her first Commission Meeting on June 19, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hensley served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner, guiding both the Economic Development and Projects Committee as Chairwoman and sharing her expertise as a member of the Budget and Finance and Ad-hoc By Laws Committees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hensley, through her experience and knowledge gained in the public and non-profit sectors, helped to shape and effectuate policy at the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a DRBA Commissioner, Ms. Hensley 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, Ms. Hensley advocated the Authority's participation in the Joint Use Facility at the Delaware Airpark, which is used for DRBA maintenance and administration operations as well as classroom, office and hangar facilities for the Delaware State University's Airway Science Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hensley also championed the Authority's involvement in a 92,000 square foot refrigerated warehouse at the Port of Wilmington, which spawned new job opportunities and continued expansion of commerce in the region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hensley willingly supplied her 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 Verna W. Hensley for the invaluable services rendered by her to the States of Delaware and New Jersey through her 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, May 19, 2009.

A motion to approve Resolution 09-32 was made by Commissioner Simmerman, seconded by Commissioner Dorn, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.