

9971. RESOLUTION 09-28 - RECOGNIZES AND SALUTES THOMAS J. COOPER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Cooper 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. Cooper served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner, guiding both the Audit Committee and Ad-hoc By-Laws Committee as Chairman and sharing his expertise as a member of the Budget and Finance and Economic Development Committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper, through the experience and understanding as a successful real estate entrepreneur, helped to shape and effectuate policy at the Delaware River and Bay Authority; and

WHEREAS, as a DRBA Commissioner, Mr. Cooper 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. Cooper advocated the creation and adoption of a new Marine Master Plan for the Cape May – Lewes Ferry, which provides the blueprint for future enhancements and improved efficiencies at the ferry operation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper 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. Cooper 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 Thomas J. Cooper 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 09-28 was made by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Dorn, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.