

RESOLUTION 24 – 26: RECOGNIZING AND SALUTING HENRY J. DECKER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Henry J. Decker was appointed by Governor John Carney to serve as a Commissioner on the Delaware River and Bay Authority, participating in his first Commission meeting on May 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker served with distinction, enthusiasm and dedication as a Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioner for more than seven years, sharing his insight and expertise as the chairperson of Budget and Finance and as a member of the Personnel and Audit Committees; and

WHEREAS Henry J. Decker began his career in 1969 as a Financial Analyst in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and later served as South Dakota's Finance Commissioner and Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker established his Delaware public service credentials in 1979, serving as State Budget Director for a two-year period; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker continued his impressive public service career in Delaware, including a three-year term as the First State's Secretary of Public Safety and a twenty-year stint as Assistant Vice President of Delaware Technical and Community College; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee, Mr. Decker focused on enhancement of oversight procedures, improved accountability of the Authority's business practices, and participated in two successful bond sales on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS Mr. Decker's skill and experience helped the bi-state agency successfully navigate the negative financial impacts of COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Decker willingly supplied his time, talents, and energy to the successful operation of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, Wilmington Airport, Millville Airport, Cape May Airport, Delaware Airpark, Civil Air Terminal at Dover, and the 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 Henry J. Decker for the invaluable services rendered by him to the States of New Jersey and Delaware 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, June 18, 2024.