

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION recognizing Robert Tudor for his countless contributions to the water resources management of the Delaware River Basin over his distinguished 34-year career with the Delaware River Basin Commission and the State of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Bob served more than 21 years with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in several capacities prior to joining the DRBC staff; and

WHEREAS, among his duties at NJDEP, Bob was both a deputy and assistant commissioner responsible for the department's Planning and Science, Land Use Management, and Historic Resources functions, as well as administrator of the Office of Environmental Planning; and

WHEREAS, while at NJDEP Bob was director of the Delaware Estuary Program, where he led an interstate team and multi-stakeholder process to develop the Delaware Estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bob was appointed by N.J. Governor Christine Todd Whitman as her alternate on the DRBC from 1998 to 2001, and he served as the Commission *Chair Pro Tem* for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Bob began his duties as the DRBC's second Deputy Executive Director on October 1, 2001, with management responsibilities for the agency's scientific, regulatory, and planning programs; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a strong advocate of managing the Delaware River as a holistic system, from the mountains to the sea; and

WHEREAS, Bob shepherded the intensive effort of the Delaware River Basin Interstate Flood Mitigation Task Force, convened at the request of the basin state governors after the devastating main stem floods of 2004-2006, which returned in less than 10 months a 45-point action agenda for mitigating and alleviating flooding impacts; and

WHEREAS, Bob was actively involved with the Delaware Bay Oyster Restoration Project, an ongoing effort to revitalize Eastern oysters in the Delaware Bay, which received the Coastal America 2008 Partnership Award, the only environmental award of its kind given by the White House; and

WHEREAS, Bob guided development of DRBC's 2008 State of the Basin report, the first for the Delaware Basin, which used environmental metrics to inform the public and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, Bob led DRBC in providing vital facilitation and modeling support to the complex negotiations among the five parties to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decree regarding management of the New York City-Delaware Basin reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Bob was honored by the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin with the prestigious Samuel S. Baxter Memorial Award, in recognition of his significant contributions, accomplishments and leadership at both DRBC and the NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, Bob invariably approached his wide-ranging responsibilities with optimism, energy, and a focus on positive outcomes that inspired and motivated his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tudor officially retired on June 1, 2014; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission members and staff extend their sincere appreciation to Bob Tudor for his commitment to excellence in public service, his dedication to protecting and improving the Delaware River Basin, the direct and honest manner in which he always conducted himself, and his friendship. We wish Bob and his wife Colleen good health, much happiness, and tranquil waters with plentiful fish as they begin a well-deserved retirement.