

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A Resolution for the Minutes honoring former Secretary Shawn M. Garvin for his career in public service dedicated to environmental protection and his contributions to the Delaware River Basin Commission.

WHEREAS, Shawn Garvin devoted over 25 years of his career to public service, with a focus on protecting and preserving the environment; and

WHEREAS, Shawn served as the Administrator of Region 3, the mid-Atlantic regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, from 2009 to 2017, after serving in a staff capacity in the region; and

WHEREAS, Shawn served as the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the State of Delaware from 2017 to 2025, and worked tirelessly in this role to improve air and water quality, promote renewable energy, and advance environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of Governor John Carney, Shawn chaired the Delaware River Basin Commission from July 2020 through June 2021, providing steady leadership for the agency during the most challenging phase of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Shawn has been a strong advocate for interstate water resources management in the Delaware River Basin, working to ensure the sustainable management of water resources and to protect the ecological integrity of the basin; and

WHEREAS, Shawn's commitment to environmental stewardship and his vigorous efforts to protect our natural resources have left a lasting impact on the Delaware River Basin, and on the Commission and the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, the DRBC staff and Commissioners have appreciated Shawn's direct engagement on important Commission and basin water resource matters; and

WHEREAS, Shawn is a proud Blue Hen, having found a passion for government and politics while also playing and coaching ice hockey at the University of Delaware. After graduating from the University, he remains engaged with the campus community; and

WHEREAS, Shawn is a lifelong Delawarean and has embodied the Delaware Way, working in a spirit of compromise and bipartisanship throughout his career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware River Basin Commission hereby honors and recognizes former Secretary Shawn Garvin for his outstanding career in public service, his dedication to environmental protection, and his invaluable contributions to the Delaware River Basin Commission; and extends its deepest gratitude to Shawn for his unwavering commitment to safeguarding our environment and improving the quality of life for all who call the Delaware River Basin home.

BY THE COMMISSION

March 12, 2025