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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Paul O. Swartz upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Paul O. Swartz upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission; and

WHEREAS, Paul O. Swartz is a 1970 graduate of Gettysburg College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, and has done graduate work in public administration at Pennsylvania State University; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, Paul O. Swartz has served as the Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), a regulatory, federal/interstate compact commission vested with the responsibility for management and control of the water resources of the 27,500 square mile Susquehanna River basin, which drains portions of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland; and

WHEREAS, As Executive Director, Paul O. Swartz was responsible for directing all activities of the Commission, including a water supply program which helps ensure that adequate supplies of water will be available to domestic, municipal, industrial, agricultural and in-stream users in the future; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Paul O. Swartz was in charge of the Commission programs in the areas of flood protection, flood plain management and restoration of migratory fish to the Susquehanna River; he also directed the Commission's water quality program, which benefits the Chesapeake

Bay; the Susquehanna River supplies nearly half the fresh water entering the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Paul O. Swartz has served as a member of several Chesapeake Bay Program committees and has chaired the Monitoring Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the SRBC in 1992, Paul O. Swartz directed the Bureau of Soil and Water Conservation in Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Resources; in this capacity, he managed the Commonwealth's Chesapeake Bay Program and its Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program; and

WHEREAS, From 1982-1992, Paul O. Swartz served as Executive Secretary to the Pennsylvania Conservation Commission, a state agency which establishes policy for Pennsylvania's 66 conservation districts; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 1991, Paul O. Swartz represented Pennsylvania on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and chaired that Commission; and

WHEREAS, Paul O. Swartz is a past president of the National Association of Conservation Administrators (NASCA), a professional organization of the heads of state conservation agencies; and

WHEREAS, Between 1974 and 1981, Paul O. Swartz served as the first full-time executive director of the Dauphin County Conservation District; he then worked for the Joint Legislative Conservation Committee, a special bipartisan committee of the Pennsylvania General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, For the past 14 years, Paul O. Swartz rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the SRBC; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director, Paul O. Swartz served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure Paul O. Swartz earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Paul O. Swartz upon the occasion of his retirement after 14 years of distinguished service as Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul O. Swartz.