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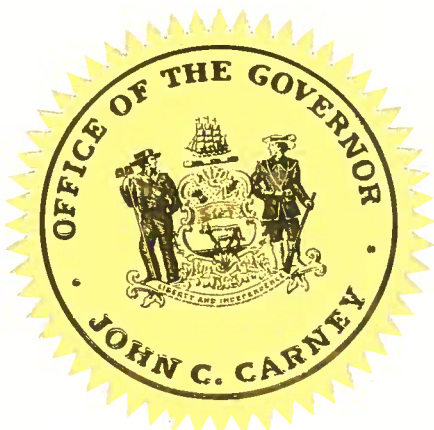
TRIBUTE

Be it hereby known to all that
John Carney, Governor of the State of Delaware,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,
extend sincere appreciation to

John Joseph Austin, Jr.

On behalf of Delawareans across the First State, Governor Carney and Lieutenant Governor Hall-Long recognize John Joseph Austin, Jr. for more than 40 years of service to the State of Delaware and the United States. For 33 years, Mr. Austin served as a national expert chemist with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While at the EPA, he was responsible for responding to chemical accidents and analysis of toxic chemicals at Superfund Sites to the investigation of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation loss in the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Austin also inspected laboratories performing analysis under the Safe Drinking Act which included Delaware's Department of Natural Resources (DNREC) and Department of Health and Social Services. He was awarded three EPA Bronze Medals for commendable service in the development of national Federal Regulations that protected human health and the environment. Mr. Austin also served as a dedicated member of League of Women Voters of Sussex County Land Use Committee and was an expert consultant on environmental issues pertinent to the drafting of Sussex's 2018 Comprehensive plan. Mr. Austin participated in discussions as an expert panelist at public forums and various working groups. He also participated in Delaware State Legislature hearings and spoke in favor of the House Bill 270, the "Clean Water Bill". Shortly after his retirement, he began volunteer work as a consultant and served as a member of the Center for Inland Bays Citizen Advisory, the Science & Technical Advisory Committees, the Protecting Our Indian River Organization, and was a founding member of the Inland Bays Foundation. Mr. Austin worked closely with Mr. Kenneth T. Kristl, Esq., Director of the Natural Resources Law Clinic at Widener University Law School and was instrumental in exposing the well water contamination evidenced by his research that culminated in a June 2018 class action lawsuit against the Mountaire Farms in Millsboro. Mr. Austin has been an invaluable resource to the State of Delaware and has demonstrated his lifelong commitment to protecting the environment. This tribute brings with it sincere gratitude for his countless contributions and dedicated service to the State of Delaware.

Presented on this 15th Day of July, 2019
by order of the Governor.



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