

Resolution Subject John H. Volk Memorial Resolution

Text of Resolution *Whereas*, John H. Volk was born in Milford, Connecticut on December 1, 1946, and died 60 years later on November 12, 2007, in Milford, Connecticut; and

Whereas, John started his career as the principal biologist for Long Island Oyster Farms from 1978-1982; and

Whereas, John became the Director for the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture from 1982 to 2003; and

Whereas, John was described by many as being "the right person for the job" as a leader in the promotion of the Connecticut shellfish industry and protection of the Long Island Sound; and

Whereas, John took an active role in many organizations including: NESSA, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Connecticut Coves and Embayment Advisory Board, the Connecticut Sea Grant Review Panel, the Long Island Sound Assembly and was chosen as a United States aquaculture expert in the "People to People Citizen Ambassador Program" in the People's Republic of China in 1987; and

Whereas, John was a major advisor supporting Connecticut's effort to build two regional vocational aquaculture schools; and

Whereas, John received several awards of achievement and commendation including; several state awards for Excellent Managerial Performance, an Honorary Future Farmers of America Degree, the Rhode Island House of Representatives Citation for Expertise in Aquaculture, and the Governor's Award for service to the state, publishing numerous articles along the way; and

Whereas, John effectively represented the Connecticut shellfish program for many years on the ISSC Aquaculture Committee and chaired the Legislative Aquaculture Commission Study laying the framework for shellfish aquaculture development throughout the country; and

Whereas, John was well liked, respected and considered by many to be a person of knowledge, integrity and skilled foresight working together with officials at Federal, State and local levels; and

Whereas, John's accomplishments will not be forgotten as the Connecticut Legislature has passed a bill to rename the current Bureau of Aquaculture vessel to the "John H. Volk" in his memory; and

Whereas, his presence is greatly missed due to his passing; now

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference extends its gratitude for John's leadership and lasting contributions to the organization; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference acknowledges his contributions by a copy of this Resolution to his family.

Action by 2009 Resolutions Committee Recommended adoption of Resolution 09-007 as submitted.

Action by 2009 Executive Board Recommended adoption of Resolutions Committee recommendation on Resolution 09-007.

Action by 2009 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of Executive Board on Resolution 09-007.

Action by USFDA 02/16/2010 Concurred with Conference action on Resolution 09-007.