

Resolution of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

Establishing the R. King Milling Distinguished Coastal Service Award

WHEREAS, R. King Milling was among the earliest and most effective voices for the protection and restoration of Louisiana's coast;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling drew the attention of the business community, the political class, and civil society to the Louisiana land loss crisis;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling's advocacy for a more sustainable coast carried throughout the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, up and down the Mississippi River corridor, in Washington, D.C., and to audiences farther and wider;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling was tapped by Governor Mike Foster to lead the committee charged with making recommendations for emboldening a statewide coastal restoration program;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling was then named chairman of the Governor's Advisory Commission for Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation in 2002;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling served on the Board of the America's Wetland Foundation since its creation; the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board since its creation, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation since its creation;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling's confidence in the science and engineering that serves as the foundation for the Coastal Master Plan and his intense focus on the big picture made him a singular, irreplaceable, and uniquely respected voice on coastal issues;

WHEREAS, R. King Milling's twenty plus years of service to the State of Louisiana and its coastal program were conducted with dignity, grace, intelligence, and warmth;

NOW THEREFORE, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRA Board), by virtue of the authority vested by laws of the State of Louisiana, does hereby resolve and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The R. King Milling Distinguished Coastal Service Award is created and established to be given, as deserved, to individuals or organizations who epitomize R. King Milling's unwavering support for the state's coastal program.

SECTION 2: Nominees for this award should embody:

- Sustained participation in the advancement of plans, policies, or projects that protect and restore Louisiana's coast;
- Notable contributions that have raised public awareness about the existential threat of the coastal crisis, or in support of the implementation of the coastal master plan;

- Success in communicating the urgency of taking action to protect and restore Louisiana's coast across disciplines, economic sectors, or levels of government; and
- An unrelenting focus on the macro-scale implications of Louisiana's coastal land loss crisis;

SECTION 3: Process for selection:

- Recommendations for nominations shall be made to the CPRA Board Chair in writing and detailing how the nominee meets the criteria in Section 2.
- At his discretion and from the nominations received, the CPRA Board Chair may select a winner or winners of the award each year;
- CPRA Board Chair shall inform the CPRA Board upon selection of a winner or winners of the award;

SECTION 4: This Resolution is effective upon a majority vote of the CPRA Board and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the CPRA Board, or terminated by operation of law.