



RESOLUTION NO. 7-24

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND UNITED STATES SENATOR THOMAS R. CARPER FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

WHEREAS Senator Carper represented Delaware in the United States Senate from 2001-2024 and, throughout his tenure, has demonstrated a commitment to the protection of Delaware's bays and Atlantic Coast beaches;

WHEREAS as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works he sponsored and introduced the 2022 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) which grants emergency authority to allow the USACE to restore beaches in the aftermath of storms and reorients the Corps' civil works program to proactively address climate change and streamline the implementation of shoreline protection and restoration projects;

WHEREAS the WRDA legislation has been essential in maintaining and restoring dunes and beaches in South Bethany and throughout the Delaware coastal communities;

WHEREAS on May 16, 2022, Senator Carper, along with officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control joined officials from the Town of South Bethany to survey the damages caused by the Mother's Day Nor'easter and then procured funding to address the damages and to provide safe passage for residents and visitors during the 2022 summer season;

WHEREAS in 2023, members of Senator Carper's staff and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives met with South Bethany officials to discuss a grant opportunity through the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill that will help to prepare the Town for extreme weather events;

WHEREAS Senator Carper introduced and sponsored the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 which authorizes flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and invests in Delaware's beaches and beach economy by reducing the local contribution requirement for renourishing Rehoboth, Dewey, Bethany, and South Bethany beaches from 35 percent to 20 percent; and

WHEREAS throughout his tenure in State and Federal office, Senator Carper has been an unwavering advocate for beach replenishment and dune restoration resulting in millions of dollars in assistance from the federal and state governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Bethany that Senator Carper be commended for his service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the Delaware coastal communities, including the Town of South Bethany.

**ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY ON THE
8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

Edith Dondero, Mayor

Robert Biciocchi, Council Secretary

Attest:

Members of Town Council:

Matt Amerling, Town Clerk

Christine Keefe, Mayor Pro Tem

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