Resolution of Appreciation for the Hosts of the 2018 Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC) has held a highly informative and productive Annual Meeting on the shores of Lake Erie in Erie, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Annual Meeting began with an educational and thoroughly enjoyable site visit to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle State Park, during which GLLC members and other attendees learned about the benefits to the City of Erie resulting from the restoration and delisting of the Presque Isle Bay Area of Concern with support from the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the GLLC, our spouses and guests, and other attendees were welcomed graciously by VisitErie and the members of the Pennsylvania delegation at a memorable opening night reception, where discussions continued regarding the importance of Great Lakes restoration to the economic well-being of coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2018 Annual Meeting was due to the tireless efforts of Pennsylvania Representative Curt Sonney, with assistance from Christine Crone of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, John Oliver of VisitErie, Tim Bruno of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Beth McLaughlin of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Matt Greene of Presque Isle State Park, Jeremy Peterson of Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority, and their colleagues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus do hereby express our heartfelt appreciation to Representative Curt Sonney and the entire meeting-planning team for planning and hosting an exceptional GLLC Annual Meeting in 2018.

Adopted on September 22, 2018.