

**10487. RESOLUTION 12-02 - RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF LEWIS B. FINCH, JR. TO GROWTH OF MILLVILLE AIRPORT AND DESIGNATES THE MILLVILLE AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN HIS HONOR**

WHEREAS, Lewis B. Finch, Jr., a veteran of World War II and lifelong resident of Millville, served as the manager of the Millville Airport for the City of Millville; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1999, the Delaware River and Bay Authority entered into an agreement with the City of Millville to manage and operate the Millville Airport; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his perseverance, dedication, and diligence on behalf of Millville Airport, Mr. Finch took a small, fledgling airport under his wing and helped it grow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch willingly supplied his talents and energy to obtain millions of dollars in federal funding to upgrade the runway, taxiway, and lighting infrastructure at Millville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch was an active member of the New Jersey Airport Advisory Committee and the recipient of the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame award for his accomplishments at Millville Airport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch was publicly honored for outstanding service to the aviation community and economic future of Southern New Jersey by Federal Aviation Administration regional administrator Arlene Feldman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finch understood the advantages and vision of the partnership between the City of Millville and the Delaware River and Bay Authority concerning the management and operation of Millville Airport and he worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the federal, state, and local level to make it happen; and

WHEREAS, because of his renown love and passion for Millville Airport, Mr. Finch is affectionately referred to as “the father of Millville Airport.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions of Lewis B. Finch, Jr. to the development and growth of the Millville Airport and does hereby posthumously record the Delaware River and Bay Authority Commissioners’ sincere appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Finch with the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, January 17, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware River and Bay Authority Commission does hereby designate the Millville Airport Administration Building as “The Lewis B. Finch, Jr. Administration Building at Millville Airport.”

A motion to approve Resolution 12-02 was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.