



SPONSOR: Sen. Adams
On behalf of all Senators

DELAWARE STATE SENATE

141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE THOMAS B. SHARP, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE DELAWARE STATE SENATE, AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE FROM HIS DUTIES.

1 WHEREAS, Thomas B. Sharp was first elected to the Delaware State Senate on the Fifth Day of November,
2 1974; and

3 WHEREAS, he became Senate Majority Leader in 1978, a position he held for some sixteen years; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1996, Senator Sharp was elected President Pro Tempore of the Delaware State Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, during the course of his Senate career Senator Sharp has served the interests of the citizens of the 9th
6 Senatorial District of New Castle County ably and well; and

7 WHEREAS, he has built a well-earned reputation as a forceful advocate for Delaware's working families, for his
8 commitment to constituent services, and for serving the needs of the families and communities in his district; and

9 WHEREAS, he has been a highly effective champion for many causes during his nearly 28 years in the Senate,
10 among which have been the fight against drug abuse and for tougher penalties for drug dealers; and

11 WHEREAS, he has led the fight in New Castle County to limit urban and suburban sprawl; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been a leader in efforts to bring about more effective land use planning throughout the State
13 of Delaware; and

14 WHEREAS, he led the General Assembly's efforts to investigate the causes of Delaware's high cancer death rate
15 by working to establish a cancer task force; and

16 WHEREAS, both in his capacity as a member of the Senate and as a member of Delaware's Open Space
17 Council, he has succeeded in obtaining large amounts of land in suburban New Castle County for preservation as open
18 space for future generations of Delawareans; and

19 WHEREAS, one of his most noteworthy efforts in this regard was the acquisition of the Judge Hugh Morris
20 Estate on Polly Drummond Hill Road, an expanse of field and forest amounting to more than five hundred acres, which
21 has been combined with other open space to create an expanse of more than two thousand acres of land; and

22 WHEREAS, during his years in the Senate, Senator Sharp has earned justifiable renown as a master in the art of
23 legislative debate and in the effective use of Senate rules in pursuing his legislative agenda; and

24 WHEREAS, this highly intelligent and effective leader has played a major role over 28 years in shaping the
25 future of Delaware;

26 NOW, THEREFORE:

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 141st General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the members do
28 hereby extend to our friend, colleague and leader, the Honorable Thomas B. Sharp, sincere thanks for his efforts on behalf
29 of the citizens of Delaware over many years together with heartfelt best wishes for a long, happy and fulfilling retirement
30 with his wife, Judy, his daughter and sons and their families.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Senator Sharp on the
32 evening of the 30th Day of June, 2002, the last day of the last regular session of the 141st General Assembly of the State of
33 Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

Paying tribute to Senator Thomas B. Sharp, President Pro Tempore, as he prepares to retire after 28 years of distinguished service.

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