



RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HONORING DUANE RAVER

Whereas, Duane Raver is a distinguished North Carolina conservationist and award-winning wildlife artist and illustrator; and

Whereas, Mr. Raver has provided exemplary leadership for conservation of North Carolina's wildlife heritage for over 60 years by serving as a fisheries biologist, editor of *Wildlife in North Carolina*, and through his artwork; and

Whereas, Mr. Raver's paintings of nongame species in North Carolina have brought much needed attention to this important group of fauna that the public would otherwise not likely observe; and

Whereas, Mr. Raver's attention to detail as a fisheries biologist and his personal interest as an illustrator have allowed him to depict each species in a scientifically correct manner, such that they are often used to provide educational opportunities for scientists; and

Whereas, Mr. Raver's artistic efforts have brought to life the rich ecological diversity in North Carolina, from darters to warblers, from the mountains to sea; and

Whereas, Mr. Raver has freely donated his artwork to numerous conservation and scientific organizations to help in fund-raising, recognitions, and educational efforts, all while promoting wildlife conservation;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does hereby pay tribute to Duane Raver for his outstanding contributions that inspire generations of North Carolinians and advance the understanding of the state's wildlife diversity.

And be it Further Resolved, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission expresses its profound gratitude to Duane Raver and presents him with the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award for his exemplary leadership in the enhancement and conservation of North Carolina's nongame wildlife resources.

This resolution was introduced by Chairman Monty Crump and unanimously passed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in a meeting duly assembled on February 24, 2022 in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Monty Crump, Chairman



Cameron Ingram, Executive Director