Resolution

Ms. Harriet M. Perry
for Distinguished Service to the
Technical Coordinating Committee’s
Crab Subcommittee

Whereas, Ms. Harriet M. Perry of the University of Southern Mississippi’s Gulf Coast Research Laboratory has been involved with scientific research related to blue crab biology and the associated commercial and recreational fishery in the Gulf of Mexico since 1968; and

Whereas, she has been directly involved with the blue crab fishery since the early 1970s and an active member of the Technical Coordinating Committee’s Crab Subcommittee for nearly 40 years; and

Whereas, she has served in numerous leadership roles within the marine fisheries scientific community as member, chair and co-chair on fisheries committees, workshops, task forces and fishery management planning teams associated with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Gulf of Mexico Program; and

Whereas, she has provided outreach and education, and worked closely with crab fishermen and the coastal community to encourage ongoing environmental stewardship and fishery success, recognizing the cultural and economic impact of both; and

Whereas, she has contributed to the various derelict trap programs in each of the five Gulf states since their inception in 1999 and has led to the removal of over 100,000 lost or abandoned crab traps; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission wishes to express their sincere thanks to Ms. Harriet M. Perry of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for her dedication and service to the Technical Coordinating Committee’s Crab Subcommittee.

Given this the Nineteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Chris Blankenship, Chairman