

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD
Resolution 97-18

WHEREAS, James M. Strock has served since May of 1991 as the first Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, implementing Governor Wilson's vision of a unified environmental protection agency for California;

WHEREAS, under Secretary Strock's leadership, Cal/EPA has brought together, in a coordinated way, the agencies implementing California's environmental policies throughout the State;

WHEREAS, Secretary Strock has worked long hours in service to the people of the State of California reforming and streamlining the State's environmental regulatory processes;

WHEREAS, Secretary Strock's belief in the value of teaching and innovation has brought the development and acceptance of new environmental technologies and certification strategies to California, the nation, and the world;

WHEREAS, Secretary Strock believes there is no free lunch and, by establishing a statewide network of enforcement task forces, has worked to ensure fair, predictable, and certain enforcement of California's environmental laws;

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board is one of the agencies within Cal/EPA maintaining and improving the quality of California's environment;

WHEREAS, Secretary Strock has contributed to keeping California's air fresh and breathable throughout the State by supporting the work and policies of the Air Resources Board, including approval of the State Implementation Plan for ozone, introduction of cleaner burning gasoline, and encouragement of zero-emission vehicles;

WHEREAS, Secretary Strock appreciates the benefits of a healthy environment and clean air, especially when exercising outdoors, and personally contributes to keeping California's air fresh and breathable by walking instead of riding whenever he can;

WHEREAS, the Air Resources Board believes Secretary Strock's international leadership in innovative environmental technologies will continue to influence the direction of environmental protection strategies for years to come:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Air Resources Board expresses its wholehearted appreciation for the contributions of James M. Strock in maintaining and improving air quality throughout the State of California and for his leadership in fostering innovative strategies for protecting the environment of California and the nation.