



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence
Legislative Caucus

**2020 Virtual Meetings of the
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus**

September 11-October 9

Proposed Resolution Honoring Senator Ed Charbonneau, GLLC Chair

WHEREAS, Sen. Ed Charbonneau of Valparaiso, Indiana, has served with distinction as Chair of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus in 2019 and 2020 and, before that date, as Indiana's elected representative on the GLLC Executive Committee from 2015 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a champion of clean-water policies recognized throughout the region, Sen. Charbonneau's legislative accomplishments have included creating an interim study committee on Indiana's water resources and policies; commissioning a statewide study of water utility infrastructure needs; establishing Indiana's Water Infrastructure Assistance Fund to improve public water systems; and promoting the replacement of lead service lines by allowing water utilities to incorporate into their rates the cost of replacing customer-owned lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, under Sen. Charbonneau's leadership, the GLLC launched the Patricia Birkholz Institute for Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy, with the inaugural institute in 2019 focusing on nutrient pollution and planning underway for the 2021 institute on climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, in both 2019 and 2020, Sen. Charbonneau was instrumental in having September 7 declared as "Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Appreciation Day" in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Caucus is a better organization thanks to Sen. Charbonneau's thoughtful leadership, his commitment to the GLLC's mission, and his absolutely fantastic outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, his frequent claims to the contrary notwithstanding, Sen. Charbonneau doesn't need *anyone's* help to look good doing what he does; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus do hereby express our most sincere appreciation for Sen. Charbonneau's past service to the Caucus and to his continuing role as Past GLLC Chair.

Adopted on October 9, 2020.