



## **Resolution Honoring Rodman Ward, Jr.**

### **Upon His Retirement from the Garden Conservancy Board of Directors**

**WHEREAS**, Rodman Ward, Jr. joined the Garden Conservancy Board of Directors in 2005 and has served as chair of the board's Audit Committee for many years;

**WHEREAS**, Rod Ward also served on the board's Executive, Development, and Nominating Committees;

**WHEREAS**, Rod Ward brought his legal expertise and professional experience, including presidency of the Delaware State Bar Association and partnership in the Skadden, Arts, Slate, Meagher & Flom legal firm, to bear on Garden Conservancy matters;

**WHEREAS**, Rod Ward also shared knowledge from his involvement on the board of directors of other cultural institutions in Delaware as well as Maine;

**WHEREAS**, Rod Ward and his wife, Susan, contributed leadership gifts to the Garden Conservancy, including several in support of the endowment campaign;

**WHEREAS**, Rod and Susan Ward shared their enthusiasm and camaraderie, as well as ample expertise from gardening in three different climates and two different hemispheres, in numerous Garden Conservancy programs;

**WHEREAS**, Rod and Susan Ward hosted members of the Society of Fellows at their home in Wilmington, Delaware, in 2007 and participated in the Fellows garden-study tour in Mount Desert Island, Maine, in 2015, among other Fellows garden-study tours;

**WHEREAS**, Rod and Susan Ward not only participated in the Fellows garden-study tour of South Africa in 2015, but made it all possible through their deep knowledge of South Africa, sage advice, personal outreach, and hospitality at their beautiful home and garden in Constantia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Garden Conservancy that it is a great pleasure to recognize the significant contributions Rod Ward has made to the Garden Conservancy, to name him a Director Emeritus, and to convey our best wishes to both Rod and Susan for continued success, happiness, good health, and good gardening;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and that a copy be sent to Rod Ward to share with his family and friends.

September 12, 2018