

RESOLUTION NO. 1981-348

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LEONARD RONIS
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP
AND LONG PUBLIC SERVICE TO PUBLIC TRANSIT
IN CLEVELAND AND IN THE NATION AND
RECOGNIZING HIS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis left the military service of the United States and entered the service of the Cleveland Transit System in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis' career at Cleveland Transit System began in the Personnel Department and progressed to Personnel Director, Operations Manager, Assistant General Manager and General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis has served with distinction as the first General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis was a founder and past President of the Ohio Public Transit Association, which organization played a significant role in developing the state legislation for Regional Transit Authorities; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis as General Manager of the Cleveland Transit System provided essential operating experience and expertise to all parties involved in the creation of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority under the operating leadership of Leonard Ronis has increased its ridership 70% since 1975 and has fulfilled all of the commitments of the Authority to the City of Cleveland and to the riding public and has further initiated extensive reconstruction and rehabilitation programs to prepare the Greater Cleveland Transit Authority to meet the needs of the future; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis has been recognized by the transit industry nationally for his dedication, insight, drive and sensitivity to the needs of the transit industry by electing him to a second term as President of the American Public Transit Association; and

WHEREAS, the continued vitality of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority necessary to meet the needs of the public depends greatly on the recognition by the Federal Government that mass transit plays an essential role in the quality of life for the urban centers of the country; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis, as President of the American Public Transit Association, is in a unique position to play a significant role in bringing the message of mass transit to the Federal Government for the benefit of Cleveland and all other urban centers; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis has made it known that he desires to be less active in the daily operations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority after November 30, 1981, and to devote more of his energies to national transit problems which are, in fact, also problems of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis continues in the service of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority while on vacation status prior to actual retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the most sincere appreciation of the Board of Trustees is hereby extended to Leonard Ronis for his loyal dedication, drive, leadership and accomplishments in his long and distinguished career with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and its predecessor the Cleveland Transit System.

Section 2. That the members of the Board of Trustees express their gratitude to Leonard Ronis for his loyal dedication, diligent leadership and expertise as the first General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Section 3. That Leonard Ronis is hereby directed to continue to serve as a Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority representative on the Board of Directors of the American Public Transit Association and to serve as a special advisor to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees on matters of national transit policy and legislation and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President of the Board of Trustees or by the Board of Trustees until retirement.

Section 4. That the Board of Trustees offers its best wishes to Leonard Ronis at this time of changed responsibilities and for the future that he may enjoy long life and much happiness.

Section 5. That the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to have a memorialization of this Resolution certified and presented to Leonard Ronis as a symbol of gratitude.

Section 6. That this Resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Harry Reynolds
President

Adopted: December 1, 1981

Attest:

Allan C. Lehman
Secretary-Treasurer