

RESOLUTION NO. 1994-160

EXPRESSING THE GREAT SORROW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND STAFF OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AT THE PASSING OF THE REVEREND LUTHER F. HILL
AND EXTENDING THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY

WHEREAS, the Reverend Luther F. Hill first entered the ministry in 1934 after receiving his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, with the highest honors in religion; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill pursued graduate studies in theology at Andover Newton Theological Seminary and Oberlin Graduate School of Divinity and was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Institute of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Liberia; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill served in the Chaplains Corps of the United States Army in World War II, being the first black officer assigned to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and also serving in England and the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves and earned a law degree in 1950 from Cleveland Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill took on the duties of assistant pastor to his father, the Reverend David W. Hill, in 1949; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 the Reverend Hill was elected pastor of a small congregation which grew from 300 members to more than 2,000 during the years of his leadership, built a sanctuary and retired the mortgage in 14 years; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill organized the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Credit Union in 1952 and helped it become the largest Protestant credit union in the State of Ohio, now merged with the Faith Community Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill served as an active member in numerous civic, religious and fraternal organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill was recognized on April 16, 1988, for completing thirty-eight years of outstanding leadership and devotion as pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and was appointed Pastor Emeritus at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, having been appointed July 20, 1982, as a representative of the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill served on the Board of Trustees' Executive, Finance, Marketing & Communications, Legal, Rail Development and Personnel Committees, also having been appointed as Chairman of the Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Hill served with distinction for more than seven years, bringing to the Authority the benefit of his experience in serving his country, the City of Cleveland, and his church.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees and employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority hereby honor the memory of the Reverend Luther F. Hill and publicly express their sorrow upon his death.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees and employees extend to the family of the Reverend Hill their most sincere regrets and condolences upon their loss.

Adopted: October 18, 1994


General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer