

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-196

EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO LEONARD RONIS FOR HIS LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT OF ATTENDING SIXTY ATA AND APTA CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis began his involvement with public transportation in 1946 with the Cleveland Transit System, and served in the positions of Personnel Administrator, Personnel Director, Chief Labor Contract Negotiator, Manager of Operations, and Assistant General Manager; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Leonard Ronis began his activity in the transit industry on the national level when he participated on several committees of the American Transit Association (ATA), and American Public Transit Association (APTA), ultimately chairing several APTA committees and becoming a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Transit Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis was a motivator and founding member and driving force behind the formation of the Ohio Public Transit Association, later serving as its President from 1971 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis lobbied to change legislation to allow the creation of regional transit authorities in Ohio, and was instrumental in the creation of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, where he served as its first General Manager until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis has continued working in the transit industry, including a 22-year affiliation with Parsons Brinckerhoff, for a total involvement in the transit industry of 61 years; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis has been a longtime member of the APTA Board of Directors and APTA Executive Committee, including serving as APTA President from 1980 to 1982. He is currently an honorary member of the APTA Board of Directors and a member of the APTA Past Chairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ronis was inducted into the APTA Hall of Fame in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in October 2006, Leonard Ronis attended the 2006 APTA Annual Meeting in San Jose, California, where he was recognized for attending his 60th Annual Meeting of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) and its predecessor the American Transit Association.

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

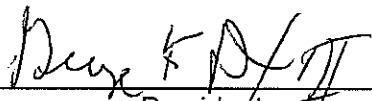
Section 1. That the Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to Leonard Ronis for his contributions to the transportation industry and for his tireless involvement in public transportation for the past 61 years.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees hereby extends its congratulations to Leonard Ronis on his achievement of attending 60 annual meetings of the American Transit Association and American Public Transportation Association.

Section 3. That the Board of Trustees hereby extends its most sincere appreciation to Leonard Ronis for his dedicated public service and best wishes for continued success.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 21, 2006

  
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President

Attest:

  
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer