

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-167

EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO RONALD J. TOBER UPON  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM AND  
BEST WISHES FOR HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober has more than 38 years experience in the public transit field and is recognized nationally as one of the top transit managers in the country; and

WHEREAS, in his distinguished transit career, Ronald J. Tober has held a number of transit positions; including Director of Transit for the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Deputy Transportation Coordinator for Metropolitan Dade County in Miami, Florida, Administrator of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority in Springfield, Massachusetts and various planning and operations positions in Boston, Chicago and Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober served as General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for eleven years from 1988 – 1999, transforming the GCRTA into one of the country's premier transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober during his tenure at the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority led its transformation into a high performance transit authority through his efforts to empower employees; by his spearheading the modernization of transit facilities and equipment; through his contributions to community and joint development actions; and by his visionary leadership within the Authority and the transit community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober during his tenure at the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority made significant contributions toward capital improvement projects, which include, but not limited to: State TRAC support for the Euclid Corridor Project; the extension of the Waterfront line; and the Walkway from Tower City to the Gateway Project, which was named after him upon his leaving the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), as Public Transit Director for the City of Charlotte, N.C., and provided support services to the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober during his tenure at the Charlotte Area Transit System made significant contributions toward the completion of Charlotte's 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan, contributed to the growth and expansion of Charlotte's bus system, and upon his retirement will oversee the launch of Charlotte's first light rail line, the South Corridor Light Rail project; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober has served the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in a number of capacities including APTA Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President Management & Finance, Regional Director on the APTA Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Procurement Steering Committee, Chair and Member of Diversity Council, and on the American Public Transportation Foundation. Other APTA committees that he served on include, Conference Program Planning Committee, Legislative Committee, Major Capital Investment Planning Subcommittee, Policy and Planning Committee, Awards Committee, Bus & Paratransit Conference Planning Subcommittee, Rail Conference Planning Subcommittee, and Rail Standards Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Tober has received such honors as the 2007 North Carolina Governor's Award for outstanding service to public transportation; APTA's Outstanding Public Transportation Manager for 2005; the 1999 Executive of the Year award from the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), and the City of Charlotte's 1999 Top Transit Executive.

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

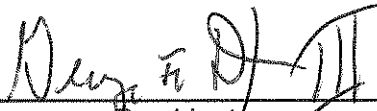
Section 1. That the members of the Board of Trustees express their gratitude to Ronald J. Tober for his diligence, insightful contributions and dedicated service to improving public transportation.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees offers its best wishes to Ronald J. Tober and its hopes that he will enjoy his upcoming retirement.

Section 3. That the CEO/General Manager is hereby directed to have a memorialization of this resolution certified and presented to Ronald J. Tober as a symbol of gratitude for his distinguished service to public transportation.

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

Adopted: December 18, 2007

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer