

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-112

EXPRESSING THE GREAT SORROW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ENTIRE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY FAMILY AT THE PASSING OF FANNIE M. LEWIS AND EXTENDING THEIR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis served as a Councilwoman for the City of Cleveland since 1980, making her one of the longest-serving members of Cleveland City Council; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis was a woman of unrelenting passion and spirit in serving the residents of Cleveland, and had a fierce devotion to her Ward 7 community; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis lead the cause that resulted in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling for the Cleveland school voucher program to provide Cleveland students with better educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis fought to create jobs for Cleveland residents that resulted in the passing of the Fannie M. Lewis Cleveland Resident Employment law in 2003, that was named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis had compassion for the poor and working-class and worked diligently to provide and improve employment opportunities for minorities, women and underprivileged persons; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis was the genesis of the rebirth of the historic Hough area and was vigilant in the economic growth of one of Cleveland's most impoverished neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis is one of Cleveland's greatest legacies of public service and earned the respect and admiration of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Fannie M. Lewis was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away on August 11, 2008 and will be greatly missed.

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 Fannie M. Lewis and publicly express their sorrow upon her death.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees and entire Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority family extend to the family of Fannie M. Lewis their most sincere regrets and condolences.

Adopted: August 15, 2008



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer