

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-113

EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO TARAS G. SZMAGALA UPON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala has dedicated his life to public service, working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the citizens of our community;

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala, during his over 28 years of service with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, held a number of positions including: Director of Governmental Relations, Manager of Communications, Deputy General Manager, Interim General Manager, and Executive Director of External Affairs, making significant contributions towards procuring federal and state capital improvement funds for its major projects, including, but not limited to, the Euclid Corridor Project; the extension of the Waterfront Line; and the Walkway from Tower City to Gateway; and

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala's distinguished public service also includes serving as Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Robert Taft; Administrator and Teacher with the Parma Board of Education, and Public and Personnel Coordinator for the Cleveland Regional Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala, has served numerous governmental leaders and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala has worked tirelessly to provide many people in our country with a connection to their Ukrainian heritage by serving on the Ukrainian Museum Archives Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian National Association and as a representation of the Ukrainian-American community in many official capacities, including as Member of Presidential Delegation to Ukraine in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala has devoted countless hours to additional civic organizations, including Stella Maris Board of Directors, Member of the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee, Ohio Public Transit Association, St. Ignatius High School and several colleges, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Taras G. Szmagala has displayed excellence in exemplary leadership and, through his hard work and commitment, has earned the respect and admiration of those individuals with whom he is associated.

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 express their gratitude to Taras G. Szmagala for his diligence, insightful contributions and dedicated service to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees offers its best wishes to Taras G. Szmagala and hopes he will enjoy his upcoming retirement.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: December 15, 2009

  
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President

Attest:

  
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer