

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-58

EXPRESSING THE GREAT SORROW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ENTIRE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AT THE PASSING OF FORMER CTS/RTA GENERAL MANAGER LEONARD RONIS, AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY

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 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 attending 60 Annual Meetings of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) and its predecessor the American Transit Association.

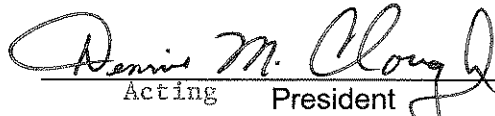
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees and the employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority hereby honor the memory of Leonard Ronis and publicly express their sorrow upon his passing.

Section 2. That the Board of Trustees and employees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority extend to the family of Leonard Ronis their most sincere regrets and condolences upon their loss.

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

Adopted: July 17, 2012


Acting President

Attest:


CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer