RESOLUTION NO. 2015-104

EXPRESSING THE GREAT SORROW OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ENTIRE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AT THE PASSING OF FORMER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER, DALE ROY FINLEY, AND EXTENDING THEIR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY

WHEREAS, Dale R. Finley served as an original member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority from 1975 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Dale R. Finley was elected President of the Board of Trustees on December 2, 1975, serving in that capacity with distinction until March 3, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dale R. Finley gave unselfishly of his time and efforts in guiding the Authority through its early formative period; and

WHEREAS, under Dale R. Finley's leadership, voters approved a one-percent countywide sales tax to fund RTA in 1975. The 71% favorable vote was the largest ever in the nation for a transit issue; and

WHEREAS, under Dale R. Finley's leadership, Transit Police was formed in 1977 with 25 full-time officers, RTA created a comprehensive Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprise program in 1977, a 28-member Citizens Advisory Committee was formed in 1979 and RTA began a \$100 million reconstruction of the light rail system; and

WHEREAS, Dale R. Finley was a strong proponent of mass transit for the Greater Cleveland community throughout his two terms as a member of the Board of Trustees, pressing for increased funding and assistance on a local and national level.

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 Dale R. Finley 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 Dale R. Finley their most sincere condolences upon their loss.

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

Adopted: November 17, 2015

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Attest: