

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Commending the Service of L. George Distel

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2008, L. George Distel was appointed by the Commission to serve as the Executive Director, and he has served in that capacity with distinction for three years; and

WHEREAS, L. George Distel is leaving public service after more than 34 years in elective and appointed positions at the state and local levels, and has served the State of Ohio with distinction; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Executive Director, the Commission has moved forward in many vital areas including, but not limited to the implementation of a new toll collection system, *E-ZPass*, and integration into the Inter-Agency Group; and

WHEREAS, the Commission through L. George Distel's leadership ushered in a new era for the Commission with the implementation of a new toll rate classification system that ensured the Commission's ability to resume its capital improvement program for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has continued to receive outstanding credit ratings from the national bond rating agencies under his administrative leadership that permitted the Commission to achieve two successful refinancings of its outstanding bond debt and achieve substantial savings; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission and the staff wish to give formal and public recognition for his exceptional and dedicated service to the Commission prior to his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby acknowledges its gratitude and expresses its appreciation for the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by L. George Distel; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission extends to L. George Distel its best wishes for his continued success and well-being in all matters and activities which he shall undertake in the future; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer be, and hereby are, directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Distel.

(Resolution No. 10-2011 adopted March 21, 2011)