

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Commission's Sorrow and
Extending Sympathy to the Widow and Three Sons
Upon the Death of the Executive Director,
Russell S. Deetz

WHEREAS the Commission has suffered a grievous and most unexpected loss in the death on September 11, 1970 of its highly competent and popular executive director, Russell S. Deetz;

WHEREAS Russell S. Deetz came to the Commission during the early construction days in Columbus, serving as a member of the engineering staff and developing many operational procedures which he was subsequently to carry into practice as project manager of the Eastgate Section of 22 miles which opened on December 1, 1954, and which, under his pilot leadership, successfully installed practices which proved of immense value in application to the Ohio Turnpike generally when it opened in its full length of 241 miles on October 1, 1955;

WHEREAS he thereafter served first as project manager for the entire Turnpike, then as deputy executive director from his appointment to that position in 1957 until his subsequent appointment as executive director in July of 1968, in which key position he served until his untimely death; and

WHEREAS his loss is shared likewise by the wider circle of his home community where his interest in and contribution to civic betterment have been substantial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission, in recognition of its loss and the sorrow of its members and expressing likewise the grief of all employees of the Commission who were so warmly devoted to their executive director and equally found themselves sorrowing, hereby tenders to Mrs. Audrey L. Deetz, his widow, and his three fine sons, its most sincere sympathy in their tragic loss; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Audrey L. Deetz as expression of the sorrow experienced by Commission members and employees who so warmly appreciated the performance of the Commission's late executive director, Russell S. Deetz.

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