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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Commission's Sorrow and
Extending Sympathy to Widow and Children on the
Death of O. L. Teagarden

WHEREAS, the Commission suffered a grievous loss in the death on July 29, 1987, of O. L. Teagarden, former member, vice chairman and chairman of the Commission;

WHEREAS, Mr. Teagarden was the first member ever appointed to the Ohio Turnpike Commission, was reappointed four times and remained a member for twenty-nine years until his resignation on September 1, 1978, and thus, he served longer than any other member;

WHEREAS, Mr. Teagarden served as vice chairman of the Commission, from its initial meeting in September 1949, until he succeeded his long-time friend and associate, James W. Shocknessy, as chairman after Mr. Shocknessy's death in 1976;

WHEREAS, Mr. Teagarden served ably and with distinction as vice chairman and chairman of the Commission and maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Commission even after his resignation for health reasons and was highly respected both by his fellow Commission members and by the employees of the Commission, as well as those who knew him in many other walks of life, for his sincerity and acumen in dealing with the broad range of concerns to which he addressed himself;

WHEREAS, Mr. Teagarden was devoted to other matters of civic importance and established himself as a successful businessman in the food packaging, banking and newspaper industries, and his exceptional talent to varied governmental and civic projects were not only an indication of the scope of his interest and of his concern and zeal for the well-being of others, but also were highly effective in advancing the purposes to which they were directed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Turnpike Commission, on behalf of said Commission, its members individually, its staff and employees, hereby expresses its sorrow upon the death of O. L. Teagarden, who contributed so much to the establishment and implementation of the objectives of the Commission and hereby tenders to Mrs. Mary Teagarden, his widow and his two children its most sincere sympathy;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby expresses its appreciation for the long and dedicated service of O. L. Teagarden and desires to recognize him by naming and dedicating its newly expanded and renovated Administration Building in his memory;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director is authorized and directed hereby to cause a suitable plaque or marker to be installed in the Administration Building so honoring O. L. Teagarden;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the widow and family of O. L. Teagarden.