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OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Extending Expression of Gratitude
to Toll Collector James L. Gates

WHEREAS, James L. Gates has been a valued employee of the Commission serving as a toll collector at Exit 9A since May 15, 1981;

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1988, a tractor trailer, while attempting to enter the Turnpike at Gate 9A, went out of control and struck the toll booth, causing the toll booth to collapse;

WHEREAS, toll collector, Barbara Galvin, was trapped in the collapsed toll booth and was rescued from the collapsed toll booth by James L. Gates, and the driver of the vehicle, Lawrence Ramsey, was also rescued by James L. Gates from the cab of his tractor, both shortly before the tractor and the collapsed toll booth began to burn;

WHEREAS, James L. Gates exhibited quick thinking, great fortitude and valor in rescuing his fellow employee, Barbara Galvin, and Lawrence Ramsey from life-threatening situations without regard for his own personal safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to James L. Gates in recognition of his valor and fortitude, in his heroic efforts to save the lives of his fellow worker and Turnpike patron.

(Resolution No. 9-1988 adopted December 21, 1988)