

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

**Resolution Commending the Long and Meritorious
Service of James C. McGrath**

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1957, James C. McGrath commenced his association with the Ohio Turnpike Commission as Staff Counsel in the Legal Department under the leadership of The Honorable Lockwood Thompson (deceased), and Francis K. Cole;

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1982, upon the retirement of Francis K. Cole, Mr. McGrath was appointed to the position of General Counsel and has served in that capacity with distinction until his retirement on January 31, 1995;

WHEREAS, during his thirty-eight years of service with the Commission, and particularly under his guidance as General Counsel, the Commission moved forward in many vital areas including, but not limited to: development of Commission policies and positions concerning the future of the Turnpike as a continuing toll facility which led to extensive review by the Ohio General Assembly and adoption of legislation to modernize the Ohio Turnpike Act and provide for continuing toll operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission; prepared license agreements for the installation of fiber-optic cable within the Turnpike right-of-way; the first such installation on Interstate Highways in the United States; coordinated and supervised right-of-way acquisition for the Commission's most recent new interchanges including: State Route 2; Interstate 75; Lordstown; State Route 49; State Route 4 and State Route 44; instrumental in the adoption of the Modification Agreement to the Commission's Tripartite Agreement (effective May 18, 1992) which permitted the continuation of tolls on the Ohio Turnpike after the original outstanding revenue bonds were liquidated on June 1, 1992; prepared and finalized the bidding documents for the current service station and restaurant operation contracts and assisted in the analysis and selection of the successful Operators; drafted bidding documents for new restaurant operation contracts after current contracts expire December 1, 1995; prepared the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, Investment Bankers and assisted in the selection of the successful proposers; assisted in the preparation of the Master Trust Agreement and related documents and helped obtain outstanding ratings from rating agencies, all of which were used in 1994 to issue \$125 million in Turnpike Revenue Bonds at extremely favorable interest rates; assisted in preparation of RFPs and agreements to secure project manager and consultant services for the study of the Great Lakes/Mid-Atlantic Corridor Project, the most ambitious undertaking of the Commission since the original Turnpike was designed and built in the 1950's; supervised staff counsel and office support personnel, as well as outside counsel assigned to litigation, appropriation and other special matters; and as a member of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association of Washington, D.C. served as Vice Chairman of its Law Committee since 1989 to present;

WHEREAS, he provided legal service and advice to the Commission and its staff in all areas of its extensive operations;

WHEREAS, the members of the Commission and the Commission's staff wish to give formal and public recognition for the long, honorable and exceptionally dedicated and effective service of James C. McGrath, as a respected member of the Bar and member of its staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby acknowledges its gratitude and expresses its appreciation of the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by James C. McGrath;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission extends to James C. McGrath, his wife, Lucille and their children, its best wishes for his success and well-being in all matters and activities which he shall undertake in the future; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary-treasurer be, and hereby he is, directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Mr. McGrath.

(Resolution No. 3-1995 adopted February 13, 1995)