

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Senator M. Ben Gaeth

WHEREAS, Senator M. Ben Gaeth of Defiance, Ohio, has been a valued legislative member of this Commission since his appointment on February 5, 1991 by The Hon. Stanley Aronoff, President of the Senate;

WHEREAS, in the aforesaid capacities and as a legislative member of the Commission, he has contributed greatly to its affairs and work through his diligent attention to the problems coming before the Commission and the astuteness and knowledge which he has employed in making and expressing judgments with respect to them; and

WHEREAS, his active service to the Commission over a variety of matters ranging from internal operation issues to external public transportation has been instrumental in the identification and implementation of new procedures and policies to the benefit of, not only the Commission, but its customers, and as a result of his monthly reports on the status of the Commission's service plazas and his commitment to the State of Ohio and its travelers, he has contributed to the vision and planning that has led to the Commission's Travel Center reconstruction project;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above-described qualities, Senator Gaeth was appointed to the Ohio Turnpike Oversight Committee and served the interests of the State of Ohio and its citizens with the highest level of representation and integrity;

WHEREAS, Senator M. Ben Gaeth has tendered his resignation as a member of the Ohio Senate, as well as a legislative member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, effective December 31, 1998, due to his well-deserved retirement, the members of the Commission and its staff wish to give formal and public recognition for the long, honorable and exceptionally dedicated service of Senator M. Ben Gaeth, particularly as a legislative member of this Commission, a member of its Service Plaza Group and his personal involvement in community, fraternal and charitable organizations such as the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Defiance, Masonic Order and Order of the Purple Heart;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby acknowledges its good fortune in having the opportunity of working with Senator M. Ben Gaeth over the past seven years and experiencing first-hand his wisdom, insight and humor, and the Commission recognizes and expresses its appreciation of the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by Senator M. Ben Gaeth as a valued legislative member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and the Ohio Turnpike Oversight Committee;

RESOLVED that the Commission extends to Senator M. Ben Gaeth and his wife, Thelma, its congratulations and its best wishes on his retirement and well-being in all matters and engagements 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 Senator M. Ben Gaeth.

(Resolution No. 71- 1998 adopted December 14, 1998)

I, G. Alan Plain, Assistant Secretary of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the aforesaid resolution which was duly adopted at a meeting of the Commission, duly called for and convened and held on December 14, 1998, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on this _____ day of December, 1998.

G. Alan Plain
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer