

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Appreciation of Earl W. Williams

WHEREAS, Earl W. Williams was appointed as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission by Governor George V. Voinovich on April 22, 1994;

WHEREAS, during his seven-year tenure as a member of the Commission, he was elected Vice-Chairman on June 22, 1998, a position which he holds until the expiration of his term on June 30, 2001;

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served with distinction as a member of the Commission and has actively contributed to the Commission's purposes and objectives through his diligent application to the matters coming before the Commission, and the astuteness and knowledge which he has employed in making and expressing judgments with respect to vital areas relating to the maintenance and operation of the Ohio Turnpike;

WHEREAS, as a Commission Member, Earl W. Williams was instrumental in enabling the Ohio Turnpike Commission to diligently continue its capital improvement program in excess of \$1 billion dollars which includes new interchanges, toll plaza and maintenance building renovations, and most recently the reconstruction of three pairs of service plazas which provide Ohio travelers the best concepts for food, service, fueling, parking and rest areas and most notably the expansion of the Ohio Turnpike from two lanes to three from Toledo to Youngstown, Ohio, a distance of approximately 160 miles;

WHEREAS, Earl W. Williams has been one of the premier and distinguished business and civic leaders in the State of Ohio, having contributed in several important roles, including: serving as chief executive officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority and executive director of the Community Relations Board of Cleveland; being appointed to a nine-year term for the Board of Trustees at Kent State University which commenced in 1993; serving as trustee at St. James A.M.E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and, being inducted into the Greater Cleveland Growth Association's "Leadership Cleveland," *Class of 1979*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recognizes and expresses its appreciation of the diligent, active and valuable service rendered by Earl W. Williams as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission; and

RESOLVED that the Commission extends to Earl W. Williams, his wife, Frances, and family 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. Williams.

(Resolution No. 16-2001 adopted May 14, 2001)

I, Gino Zomparelli, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer 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 May 14, 2001, at which a quorum was at all times present and voting.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Ohio Turnpike Commission on this 15th day of May, 2001.

Gino Zomparelli
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer