

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION**Resolution Expressing Appreciation of Ruth Ann Leever**

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Leever was appointed as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission by Governor George V. Voinovich on December 23, 1992;

WHEREAS, during her nine-year tenure as a member of the Commission, she was elected Vice-Chairman on February 8, 1993, re-appointed by Governor Voinovich to an additional eight-year term on June 18, 1997, and upon the recommendation and motion of former Chairman Umberto Fedeli, was elected Chairman on February 9, 1998, a position she held until she tendered her resignation effective December 11, 2001;

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Leever, as the Commission's first woman to be elected Chairman, has served with distinction as a member of the Commission and has actively contributed to the Commission's purposes and objectives through her diligent application to the matters coming before the Commission, and the astuteness and knowledge which she has employed in making and expressing judgments with respect to vital areas relating to the maintenance and operation of the Ohio Turnpike;

WHEREAS, as Chairman, Ruth Ann Leever was instrumental in guiding the operations of the Ohio Turnpike Commission into the new millennium and in obtaining the best credit ratings given by Fitch, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investment Services to a public toll transportation authority;

WHEREAS, as a Commission Member, Ruth Ann Leever was instrumental in enabling the Ohio Turnpike Commission to diligently continue its current capital improvement program which includes new interchanges, toll plaza and maintenance building renovations, construction of award-winning service plazas 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, and the \$51 million dollar replacement of the eastbound and westbound historic Cuyahoga River Bridge structures -- the largest construction contract in the Commission's third-lane program;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Ohio Turnpike Commission, Ruth Ann Leever had the responsibility and fiduciary duty to oversee the approximately \$200 million budget of the Commission; the four "new money" bond issuances totaling \$845 million that provided funds to support the Commission's \$1.5 billion Capital Improvement Program, and was instrumental in guiding the two "Advance Refunding" bond issuances totaling over \$392 million which saved the Commission more than \$20 million in interest costs;

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Leever has represented the Ohio Turnpike Commission's interests with the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) by attending and participating in annual meetings throughout her tenure;

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Leever has been one of the premier and distinguished business and civic leaders in the State of Ohio, having admirably served her community and the State of Ohio in several capacities including: her academic contribution to children when employed as an elementary school teacher, Director of the Defiance County Board of Elections, member of the election board, Chairman of the Defiance Republican County, Board Member of the Ohio Water Development Authority, and booster of Toledo's "Fort to Port Citizen Committee";

WHEREAS, the members and staff of the Commission wish to give formal and public recognition for the long, honorable and exceptionally dedicated and effective service of Ruth Ann Leever as Chairman of this Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Ohio Turnpike Commission hereby acknowledges its gratitude in having the services of Ruth Ann Leever for nine years, and the Commission also considers that the people of the State of Ohio have been fortunate in receiving the unselfish services which she has rendered;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission extends to Ruth Ann Leever and her family its best wishes for her success and well-being in all matters and activities which she 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 Mrs. Ruth Ann Leever.

(Resolution No. 29-2001 adopted December 10, 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 December 10, 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 13th day of December , 2001.

Gino Zomparelli
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer