RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 32

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF HEAVY-RAIL RED LINE RAPID TRANSIT SERVICE FROM EAST CLEVELAND TO PUBLIC SQUARE – A LANDMARK DAY IN PUBLIC TRANSIT'S PROUD LOCAL HISTORY

WHEREAS, Greater Cleveland has a long and proud history in the public transit industry, and commemorating special events is a worthy method of keeping that history alive; and

WHEREAS, March 15, 1955, was a great day of community celebration in Cleveland, as heavy-rail Red Line Rapid Transit service began from the Windermere Station in East Cleveland to the Terminal Tower on Public Square; and

WHEREAS, This achievement by the Cleveland Transit System (CTS) was a landmark day in Cleveland's history. Later in 1955, the Red Line was extended to West 117th Street. On Nov. 15, 1968, it was extended to Hopkins International Airport, making Cleveland the first major city in the nation to have an airport directly served by public transit. In 1975, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) was formed, and assumed operation of the Red Line service; and

WHEREAS, Community support for the Red Line has always been strong. More than 8 million rode it that first year, and more than 502 million people have been passengers over the past 50 years. The Red Line is often the first choice of people to get to work, reach the airport, or go to parades, sports and special events downtown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the most sincere appreciation of the Board of Trustees is hereby extended to the legions of loyal customers who ride the Red Line daily; to the transit visionaries who designed and built the service, and to the dedicated RTA employees who daily care for the system and transport our passengers safely to their daily destinations.

Section 2. That the members of the Board of Trustees commemorate the 50th anniversary of service of the Red Line.

Section 3. That the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to have a copy of this resolution included in ceremonies planned for later this year.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: March 15, 2005

President

Attest:

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer