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Senators Patton, McColley

**Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Chavez, Craig,
Gavarone, Ingram, Landis, Liston, O'Brien, Reineke, Roegner, Schaffer, Smith,
Wilson**

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Matthew Dietrich on his retirement from the 1
Ohio Rail Development Commission. 2

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly 3
of Ohio are pleased to pay tribute to Matthew Dietrich on his 4
retirement as director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission; and 5

WHEREAS, Diligent and painstaking in all his endeavors, Matt 6
Dietrich has achieved a noteworthy record of service with the Ohio 7
Rail Development Commission and has distinguished himself as an 8
outstanding leader. Experienced in metropolitan planning and 9
previously serving with the Ohio Department of Development, he joined 10
ORDC as secretary-treasurer in 2000, and he advanced to be named 11
executive director in 2006. Under his guidance, the Commission 12
approved over 400 short line rehabilitation and economic development 13
projects and 700 grade crossing safety improvement projects around the 14
state, obtained 22 discretionary grants from the U.S. Department of 15
Transportation totaling \$329 million, and participated in several 16
multi-state projects including the Norfolk Southern Heartland Corridor 17
and the CSX National Gateway. Indeed, he has consistently displayed 18
sound judgment, a stellar work ethic, and valuable professional 19
skills; and 20

WHEREAS, Matt Dietrich has shown how very much a conscientious, 21
industrious person can accomplish, and he can be proud that his 22
unflagging dedication to his job has inspired many who know him to 23
devote themselves similarly. He is active with such professional 24

groups as the Transportation Research Board, the National Cooperative 25
Highway Research Program, and the American Association of State 26
Highway and Transportation Officials Council on Rail Transportation, 27
where he serves as vice chair, and he is deserving of high praise; and 28

WHEREAS, We are proud to note that it is through the unsurpassed 29
efforts and deep commitment of conscientious people such as Matt 30
Dietrich that the State of Ohio continues to grow and prosper. Over 31
the years, he has striven to serve his fellow citizens to the best of 32
his ability, and we applaud him for his fine efforts; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General 34
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend Matthew 35
Dietrich on his service to the Ohio Rail Development Commission and 36
extend best wishes for the future; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 38
authenticated copy of this Resolution to Matthew Dietrich. 39