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**Senators Patton, McColley**

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# A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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