



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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*Agenda Item # New Business I*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**February 17, 2010**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Davies Seconded By: Ms. Pandak Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Commending the Honorable Pierce R. Homer**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Pierce R. Homer was appointed Secretary of Transportation by Governor Mark Warner in March of 2005, and reappointed to the position by Governor Tim Kaine in January 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his appointment as Secretary, he served for three years as Deputy Secretary of Transportation, in which capacity he was responsible for oversight of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), administration of public-private partnership programs and technology investments, and worked to promote greater use of rail and transit, as well as develop and implement improvements to cost and revenue estimating, management of debt, and accountability measures; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his appointment as Deputy Secretary, he served in the Prince William County local government from 1987 to 2002, where he gained valuable experience in dealing with local government concerns and issues; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Secretary of Transportation, he oversaw the operations of the Commonwealth's Departments of Aviation, Motor Vehicles, Rail and Public Transportation, Transportation, the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, the Virginia Port Authority, and the Board of Towing and Recovery Operations; and

**WHEREAS**, among his many accomplishments, he developed and implemented the first statewide rail fund and was responsible for the elimination of \$867 million in accumulated transportation deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, his efforts cementing Virginia's position as a nationally-recognized leader in public-private initiatives, such as the Route 199 corridor in James City County and Williamsburg, Route 288, and the Pocahontas Parkway, resulted in him being recognized by the

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American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) as the 2008 Public Sector Entrepreneur of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, he also faced challenging circumstances during his tenure, a period when devastating declines in state and federal revenues forced significant adjustments to VDOT and its transportation programs, resulting in development of a plan to create an effective and sustainable transportation agency centered on safety, maintenance, operations and emergency response, as well as use of best and consistent practices and services to meet future needs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his efforts, Virginia is well-positioned to continue the development and implementation of innovative transportation solutions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board extends its warmest regards and gratitude to the Honorable Pierce R. Homer for his dedication and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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