

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

IN MEMORY OF GLENN E. OTTO)
IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE)
GREATER PORTLAND)
METROPOLITAN AREA)

RESOLUTION NO. 94-1956

Introduced by
Councilors Wyers and Monroe

WHEREAS, For the past thirty years and until his recent death, former Senator Glenn E. Otto served the Portland metropolitan area and the State of Oregon with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Otto's advocacy and vision for regional government and understanding of local governments provided a foundation for each stage of the development of Metro; and

WHEREAS, In 1977 Glenn Otto, then a State Representative, chaired the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee; under his leadership this committee devoted many months drafting statutes generally defining "metropolitan service districts" for the State of Oregon and specifically describing the legal boundary of Metro; the work of this committee resulted in the voters approving formation of a redefined Metropolitan Service District (Metro) for the Portland region; and

WHEREAS, As Chair of the Senate Government Operations and Elections

Committee, Senator Otto repeatedly guided the passage of legislation further clarifying the responsibilities and roles of Metro; such legislation included removing legal obstacles for establishment of the Oregon Convention Center and the Regional Land Information System (RLIS), clarification of the separation of powers issue and creation of the Metro Business License Passport; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Otto chaired the Interim Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government, the work of which ultimately resulted in the voters of this region approving the 1992 Metro Charter; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his legislative accomplishments, Glenn Otto served his community as City Councilor and Mayor of Troutdale; as member and Chair of the Mt. Hood Community College Board; as a Board Member on the Franciscan Montessori Earth School; as a member of the Mount Hood Medical Board and Rogers (later Paragon) Cable Board; as a member of Local 48 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; as a member of the Oregon Commission for Women; and a long-time member of St. Henry's Catholic Church; and,

WHEREAS, Upon his untimely death in April 1994, the Oregonian newspaper described Glenn Otto as ". . . a statesman, a regionalist and a visionary. . ." whose ". . . career was a model of how an effective lawmaker can break out of the local view and work effectively for the general good"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Metro Council recognizes Glenn Otto as a person of great integrity, wisdom and vision, who contributed to the richness of his local community, his family, the region, and the state's educational and political communities; and
2. That the Metro Council expresses its sincere appreciation for the many contributions Glenn Otto made to the region during his lifelong service as a community leader and public servant; and
3. That the Metro Council expresses its profound sympathy to Helen Otto and their five children at the loss of their beloved husband and father.

ADOPTED by the Council of Metro this 12th day of May, 1994.



Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer