

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING) RESOLUTION NO. 94-1995
APPRECIATION TO KAY RICH FOR SERVICES)
RENDERED TO METRO AND CITIZENS OF) Introduced by
THE REGION) Presiding Officer Judy Wyers

WHEREAS, A. McKay "Kay" Rich has provided more than 33 years of public service to appointed and elected officials and citizens throughout the Portland Metropolitan Region; and

WHEREAS, Kay served as Staff Director for the Metropolitan Study Commission from April 1964 to June 1971 and during this tenure he was instrumental in developing proposals which led to the creation of: 1) the Columbia-Willamette Air Pollution Authority (the forerunner to the Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Program); 2) the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG); 3) the Portland Metropolitan Area Boundary Commission; and 4) the Metropolitan Service District; and

WHEREAS, Kay served as Assistant Director of the Columbia Region Association of Governments from July 1971 to December 1974 and assisted in the development of regional land use and transportation plans and other regional intergovernmental cooperative programs; and

WHEREAS, Kay served as Staff Director of the Tri-County Local Government Commission from December 1975 to June 1977 and was instrumental in developing the proposal for the successful merger of the Columbia Region Association of Governments with and into the Metropolitan Service District thus creating the first directly elected regional government in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kay served as Assistant Director of the Metro Washington Park Zoo from July 1977 to July 1994, serving three directors during this period (Warren Iliff, Gene Leo, and Sherry Sheng) and assisting in the revitalization of the Zoo including the construction of 21 animal exhibits and other capital projects, passing a Zoo operating tax base measure and boosting annual attendance from 562,645 in 1977-78 to 1,162,778 in 1991-92; and

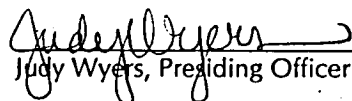
WHEREAS, Kay has provided invaluable service to the citizens of the Portland Metropolitan region through his efforts to promote regional governance and improve the development and operation of the Metro Washington Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Kay has decided to retire from public employment to spend time and energy on less public pursuits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council expresses its appreciation to Kay Rich for his excellent service, leadership and commitment to Metro and citizens of the region.
2. That the Metro Council wishes Kay good health, happiness and success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED, by the Metro Council this ninth day of June, 1994.



Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer