

**METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 98-17**

*Paying tribute to the late Clifford N. "Cliff" Carlsen Jr. for his exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the regional facilities of the Portland Metropolitan region and to the community at large; and expressing deepest condolences to the Carlsen family.*

*The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission finds that:*

- 1. Cliff Carlsen was a highly respected corporate attorney, civic leader, community activist and human rights advocate, whose passionate devotion to the arts and culture, to helping the underprivileged and to civil rights translated into exemplary public service.*
- 2. For the past six years Cliff Carlsen served as a member of the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, and as Chair of the Commission in 1995. Commissioner Carlsen had previously served the regional facilities in a variety of leadership capacities, including his service as Chair of the Metropolitan Arts Commission; Chair of the Regional Facilities Committee; member of the Performing Arts Center Committee which guided the planning, design and construction of the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall and the New Theatre Building; and Chair of the Performing Arts Center Advisory Committee.*
- 3. During his tenure with the Commission, Cliff Carlsen was a strong advocate for and effective steward of the publicly owned and operated facilities of the Portland Metropolitan Region.*
- 4. Commissioner Carlsen brought integrity, expertise, commitment, and compassion to his work on the MERC Commission and to the countless other civic causes to which he was dedicated throughout his life. He will be sorely missed by the Commission, the MERC staff, and all who knew him.*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission hereby pays tribute to Clifford N. Carlsen, Jr. for his exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission and to the community at large. The Commission hereby also expresses its deepest condolences to the Carlsen family for their loss of Cliff.*

*Passed by the Commission on March 11, 1998.*

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*Chair*

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*Secretary/Treasurer*