

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 05-20

For the Purpose of Recognizing the Dedicated Service and Contributions of Robert Spier to MERC and to the Oregon Convention Center.

WHEREAS, in 1975, Robert Spier began his employment as Lead Engineer in the Operations Department at the Memorial Coliseum and Civic Stadium, then under the management of the Exposition Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Spier's tenure as an ERC and MERC employee, Mr. Spier has contributed to the effective and high-quality management of the public facilities in this region, including achieving the following notable accomplishments:

- As lead engineer, Mr. Spier worked the 1977 NBA Championship Game, which the Trail Blazers won;
- After transferring to the Oregon Convention Center in 1989 as the Operations Manager, Mr. Spier was actively involved in the hiring of the operations staff for the Oregon Convention Center, and he participated in the 1990 Grand Opening of OCC;
- Mr. Spier was honored with the Lee Fehrenkamp "General Manager" award in 1990 for exceptional customer service;
- Mr. Spier became a member of I.A.A.M. (International Association of Assembly Managers) in 1998;
- Mr. Spier was actively involved in the design and commissioning of the expanded Oregon Convention Center, a complicated project underway for three years between 2000 and 2003;
- As the Oregon Convention Center's business grew, Mr. Spier's title was changed to Director of Operations to reflect his management of over 70+ full time employees in housekeeping, setup, grounds, audio visual, engineering, electrical, utility maintenance, telecommunications, shipping/receiving, facility services sales, and the OCC service desk;
- Mr. Spier has effectively managed an annual Operations Department budget of \$6.5 million, and has diligently overseen the effective operational support of over 600 events annually in a 1 million square foot building on a 17 acre campus;
- Mr. Spier played an integral role in the LEED certification of the Oregon Convention Center.

WHEREAS, during his thirty-year distinguished career, Mr. Spier has served under six ERC/MERC General Managers: Dick Reynolds, John Christison, Lee Fehrenkamp, Pat LaCrosse, Mark B. Williams, and Jeff H. Miller, and under one Convention Center executive director, Jeff Blosser; and

WHEREAS, over the course of Mr. Spier's career, the convention center staff have consistently looked to Mr. Spier as "Mr. Solution" when confronted with difficult operational situations related to the building or to a client's show needs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and its staff will miss the wealth of Mr. Spier's knowledge and experience, and the tireless dedication he has demonstrated to the management of the public facilities in the Metro region.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commission officially thanks Robert Spier for his dedicated service to the Commission, the Commission's staff, and the public facilities of the region for the past 30 years.

Passed by the Commission on August 24, 2005.

Chair

Sam M. Manning

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