

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 N. Robert St.,
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RESOLUTION 2008-13

WHEREAS, William Porter has reached the 40th anniversary of his employment with the Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit and its forebears; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter began his transit career as a bus cleaner in 1968, rising through the ranks and concluding his career as deputy chief operations officer overseeing all bus transportation and bus maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS, in that role Mr. Porter directed the work of more than 2,000 of Metro Transit's 2,700 employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter leaves Metro Transit with many accomplishments, not the least of which was his role as the senior official in charge of all aspects of the successful openings of the Hiawatha light-rail line in June and December of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter came to Metro Transit with public transportation in his genes following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both of whom enjoyed distinguished transit careers;

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter has contributed greatly to both the success of Metro Transit and to the transit legacy of the Porter family; and leaves Metro Transit with many friends and colleagues among active employees and retirees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metropolitan Council salutes William (Bill) Porter for his four decades of service to the organization, the region and its citizens, and extends best wishes to Bill on the occasion of his retirement from active service on July 7, 2008.

Adopted this 25th day of June 2008

Peter Bell, Chair

Pat Curtiss, Secretary