

Senate Resolution No. 1276

BY: Senator COONEY

HONORING Bill Carpenter upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 11 years of distinguished service to Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bill Carpenter upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 11 years of distinguished service to Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority (RGRTA), to be commemorated at a Retirement Celebration on Thursday, June 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carpenter, a prideful life-long resident of Rochester, New York, graduated from Buffalo University in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Economics; and

WHEREAS, With a great depth of career experience, Bill Carpenter has been employed by Doyle Building Services, OneSource Facility Services, Monroe County, and Salient Corporation before moving on to his role as CEO at Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority, the esteemed position from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carpenter joined RGRTA in 2010 as Chief Operating Officer and was named CEO in the fall of 2011; with nearly 1,000 employees, he oversaw the public transit system that served more than 15 million customers annually for an eight-county area; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carpenter led RGRTA through Reimagine RTS, the transit system redesign project in Monroe County, holding more than 250 meetings and events to ensure the reimagined transit system reflects the priorities of its customers; the redesign features frequent fixed routes, a new On Demand service, and innovative fare payment and mobile ticketing technology; and

WHEREAS, For the past 11 years, Bill Carpenter rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable service to Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Always active in his profession and dedicated to the citizens he represents, Bill Carpenter has served as the President of the New York Public Transit Association; President of The Bus Coalition; Board Member for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and Chair of the APTA Bus and Paratransit CEO's subcommittee; member and President of the American Bus Benchmarking Group; and member of the Systems Integration Project which is co-chaired by Congressman Joe Morelle and Common Ground Health CEO Wade Norwood; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as CEO, Bill Carpenter always served with loyalty, honor, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Bill Carpenter was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Moey; sons, James, Daniel, Peter, John and Michael; and daughters, Sheila and Mary, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority, Bill Carpenter earned the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bill Carpenter upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 11 years of distinguished service to Rochester Genesee Regional Transport Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bill Carpenter.