

**PROPOSED AND PRESENTED:**

**SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF UNITED STATES SENATOR  
PAUL S. SARBANES**

**PROPOSED  
RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS, Paul S. Sarbanes, Maryland's Democratic senior Senator who has served an unprecedented five terms in the United States Senate and is Maryland's longest serving United States Senator, will retire from the Senate at the close of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress; and**

**WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes has been working for the people of Maryland for four decades, beginning his long, distinguished career in public service first as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and then serving as a Congressman from the Third Congressional District for three terms; and**

**WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Senator Sarbanes has been an exceptionally strong supporter of public transit, recognizing the value of transit systems as efficient movers of people and as important contributors to the national goals of reduced air pollution, fuel conservation and reduction of dependence on foreign oil, reduced congestion, and economic vitality; and**

**WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes was instrumental in securing the federal commitments and funding to construct the Metropolitan Washington Metrorail System, as well as the Baltimore subway and light rail system and to expand the statewide MARC commuter rail and the MTA bus system; and**

**WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Senate, Senator Sarbanes has helped shape and enact every major piece of transit legislation and create many of the grant and formula programs for public transportation that are in existence today; and**

**WHEREAS, As Ranking Member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee which has jurisdiction over transit issues and as a member of the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Sarbanes has fought vigorously to bolster Federal funding for transit systems in Maryland and throughout the Nation; and**

WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes played a key role in crafting the transit portions of the landmark Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and subsequent legislation, including the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes was steadfast in his efforts in SAFETEA-LU to obtain \$104 million for the purchase of 122 new rail cars for the Washington Metrorail System in order to modernize and improve the Metro rail car fleet and to meet increasing ridership numbers; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes has been a leader in the Congress to authorize increased federal funding to enhance the security of transit systems nationwide since September 11, 2001 and the recent rail bombings in London and Madrid; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sarbanes led the effort to build and successfully secured more than \$50 million in federal funding toward construction of the new intermodal Silver Spring Transit Center to connect Metro's Red Line, Metrobus, MARC and Ride On in a new, state of the art transit facility in Silver Spring Montgomery County, Maryland; now, therefore be it

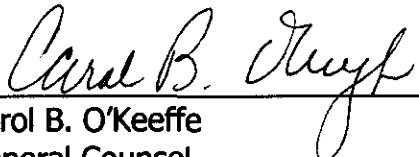
*RESOLVED*, That the WMATA Board of Directors salutes and thanks Maryland Senator Paul S. Sarbanes on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Senate for his tireless commitment to improving the quality of life in the state of Maryland and the National Capital Region throughout his decades of public service; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the WMATA Board of Directors approves dedication and naming of the Silver Spring Transit Center as the "Paul S. Sarbanes Transit Center" as a symbol of the region's gratitude for Senator Sarbanes' invaluable contributions to the success and vitality of the Metro system over the course of his distinguished career in public office, and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the requirement that the honoree be deceased as required by Resolution #94-26 is hereby waived for the reasons stated above; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Carol B. O'Keeffe  
General Counsel