

Before the Board of Directors of the
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Resolution Commending
THOMAS M. BLALOCK, P.E.
For Meritorious Service

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Blalock served as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District from December 6, 1994, to December 7, 2018, tied for the longest tenure for an elected representative on the Board, and his service included terms as President in 2000, 2009, and 2015, and Vice President in 1999, 2008 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the notable service of Director Blalock included terms as Chairperson of the Board's Administration Committee, Engineering and Operations Committee, and Planning, Public Affairs, Access, and Legislation Committee, as well as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and member on numerous other committees of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Director Blalock expertly represented the District on transportation Boards throughout the region, including the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, the Altamont Commuter Express, and the Alameda County Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, during Director Blalock's long and distinguished career as an engineer he served as City Engineer and as Public Works Director for the City of Fremont; and he has earned recognition from the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving as President of the San Francisco Section and receiving the Harland Bartholomew Award; he received the Samuel A. Greely Award from the American Public Works Association in 1991, chaired the City of Fremont's Downtown Planning Advisory Committee in 1996, and received the Award of Distinction from his alma mater of San Jose State University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Director Blalock's wisdom and steadfast determination guided the District through financial cycles both robust and belt-tightening to successful implementation of fiscally responsible projects such as the two systemwide rehabilitation programs, the Earthquake Safety Program, and the development of the Fleet of the Future; and

WHEREAS, Director Blalock's tenure on the Board oversaw momentous expansion of the system in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo, including Extensions to Pittsburg/Bay Point, Dublin/Pleasanton, the San Francisco Airport extension to Millbrae, the Oakland Airport Connector, and BART to Antioch; and

WHEREAS, as a champion of the expansion of BART to the Silicon Valley, Director Blalock has tirelessly shared his vision and expertise, resulting in construction of the long-awaited extension into Santa Clara County, and the opening of the beautiful Warm Springs/South Fremont Station in 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District does hereby take public cognizance of the immeasurable contributions Mr. Blalock has made to the citizens of the South Bay and to the cause of public transportation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution be tendered to Thomas M. Blalock as a token of the high esteem in which Director Blalock is held by the members of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors
of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
December 6, 2018

ATTEST:

Patricia K. Williams
District Secretary

Robert Raburn
President