

RESOLUTION NO. R2012-23

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority expressing deep appreciation to Congressman Norm Dicks upon his retirement from the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman Norm Dicks will retire from public service at the end of 2012. He has been a distinguished member of the United States House of Representatives for the past thirty-six years where he has been a champion for public transportation and Sound Transit. With this resolution, the Sound Transit Board of Directors thanks Congressman Dicks for his long-time leadership.

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks earned his Bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Washington, played for the Huskies as a linebacker and a guard, and was a member of the Huskies team that won the 1961 Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon graduation Norm Dicks began his dedication to public service as a legislative assistant to Washington State Senator Warren Magnuson; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks was elected to serve the 6th District of Washington in the United States House of Representatives in 1976 and 17 more times; and

WHEREAS, in his first term, Norm Dicks was immediately chosen to serve as a member of the Committee on Appropriations by his colleagues, a rare and prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks was described by Senator Patty Murray as "a true Washington State institution" and "our state's quarterback here in Congress", and by former Senator Slade Gorton as a "staunch advocate for his district and the state"; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks believes that transit serves an important role in economic development and revitalization of the Puget Sound area; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks continuously led efforts to increase funding for public transportation and was committed to advocating for public transportation in the Puget Sound area; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks helped shape the future of high-capacity transit in the central Puget Sound region through his support of public transportation legislation and Sound Transit's mission; and

WHEREAS, Norm Dicks' retirement from Congress is a sad day for Sound Transit, his constituents, the Washington State congressional delegation, and the United States House of Representatives.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, that Congressman Norm Dicks is recognized as a champion for public transportation, and a friend to the Central Puget Sound Region and Sound Transit.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 25, 2012.



Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator