

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

December 21, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GIFT FROM THE FAMILY TRUST OF RONALD G. AND  
JOYCE T. SROUFE**

WHEREAS, Representatives of The Family Trust of Ronald G. and Joyce T. Sroufe contacted the Cleveland Public Library on November 10, 2023 to notify the Library that Mr. Ronald G. Sroufe, who passed away on May 15, 2016 at age 83, and his wife, Mrs. Joyce T. Sroufe, who passed away on October 19, 2022 at age 85, bequeathed approximately \$50,000 to the Cleveland Public Library through their family trust. The bequest was directed to be used for the Cleveland Public Library’s Talking Book Services Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Joyce Sroufe was a resident of Gahanna, Ohio and a patron of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (“OLBPD”) since 2009. As a former English teacher with Columbus City Schools, Mrs. Sroufe taught countless students during her long career, with teaching said to have been her life’s mission. She was a passionate reader with a particular fondness for classical literature. She also loved to travel, cook, and sew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Sroufe had been a retired teacher, administrator, and personnel director for the Columbus City Schools, a former deacon for the Beebe Chapel Church in Ripley, Ohio, and a United States Korean War Marine veteran; and

WHEREAS, The entire Cleveland Public Library system and, in particular, OLBPD are grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Sroufe honoring literacy in their planned giving, thereby supporting future generations to access materials and services at OLBPD; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 1929, the Board of Trustees celebrated the sixtieth birthday of the Library by “making it the occasion for requests for donations to an endowment for the work with the blind” (Proceedings, 1929, p. 67), thus formally establishing the Endowment for the Blind Fund. Given the restriction on this bequest, the Library Administration recommends investing this gift in Endowment for the Blind fund; now therefore be it

### **EXHIBIT 3**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library, pursuant to the authority set forth in R.C. § 3375.40(K), hereby accepts this generous gift from The Family Trust of Ronald G. and Joyce T. Sroufe to be restricted for Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled and to deposit into the Endowment for the Blind Fund Account No. 202046-46100 (Restricted Gifts); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library expresses its heartfelt gratitude for this generous gift and directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sroufe as an expression of sympathy and appreciation from this Board.