

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting

March 19, 2015

RESOLUTION TO SALUTE RICK WERNER

WHEREAS, Rick Werner has served on Board of Library Trustees since his first appointment on July 2, 2007, a tenure marked by the passage of Issue 2 in 2008, the recruitment of Felton Thomas as Director in 2009, the fallout from the Great Recession, the creation of a new Strategic Plan, and the passage of Issue 79 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Werner brought to this Board his extensive experience in county government and his ability to analyze the ever-shifting forces that affect the public sector in northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Werner devoted his time and energy to a number of Board standing committees and ad hoc committees, including the Community Services Committee which he chaired from 2010 through 2014; and

WHEREAS, While Mr. Werner will be remembered for his dry wit and probing questions at meetings of the Board, his greatest legacy will be the CPL150 Ad Hoc Committee that he formally proposed to the Trustees at their work session on March 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Werner championed what he termed "a comprehensive, thoughtful process" that would create a sustainable model of innovative library service to Cleveland's neighborhoods responsive to individual community needs; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees wishes to acknowledge Mr. Werner's years of exemplary service, with its feeling of loss mitigated by the knowledge that while Mr. Werner is leaving Cleveland Public Library, he is not leaving CLEVNET; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Library Trustees extends its collective appreciation to Rick Werner for his dedication and service to Cleveland Public Library; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Board of Library Trustees wishes Rick Werner every success in his new role as Director of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library, a CLEVNET library since 1983.