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2 **Honoring Richard Newell's Service to the City of Annapolis** – For the purpose of honoring
3 Richard Newell's service to the City of Annapolis as the City of Annapolis' Director of
4 Transportation.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
7 **City of Annapolis**

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9 **Resolution 18-14**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell-Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Kirby**

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13 **Referred to**
14 **Transportation Committee**

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

17 **Honoring Richard Newell's Service to the City of Annapolis**

18 **FOR** the purpose of honoring Richard Newell's service to the City of Annapolis as the City of
19 Annapolis' Director of Transportation.

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21 **WHEREAS,** with more than 37 years of experience in the transit industry, Richard Newell
22 has a proven record of reducing operating costs while maintaining
23 accountability and performance; and

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25 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Newell increased transit revenues by 65%, increased on-street parking
26 revenues by 75%, and increased garage occupancy rate for three consecutive
27 years; and

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29 **WHEREAS,** when Mr. Newell came to Annapolis in 2010, the Department of Transportation
30 was in a state of disrepair with only 40% of the fleet operational and by
31 replacing over half of the fleet, the average fleet age is 4.6 years; and

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33 **WHEREAS,** he remained committed to making Annapolis Transit a premier transit system
34 that set the standard for innovation and customer service excellence by
35 installing real-time cameras on all buses for improved security and installed
36 electronic parking meters that accept credit cards and cash; and

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38 **WHEREAS,** since taking the helm at the City of Annapolis' Department of Transportation in
39 October 2010, Mr. Newell corrected longstanding maintenance challenges to
40 fortify the City's bus fleet, improving on-time performance of bus routes to 95%;
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43 **WHEREAS,** under his direction, the City has improved the bus system by providing more
44 reliable, convenient, and punctual service for one standard fare while providing
45 comprehensive coverage of Annapolis and secured grant funding for bus
46 shelters, facility repairs, and vehicles; and

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1 **WHEREAS,** as part of his initiative to expand ridership, further enhance mobility, and create
2 connectivity to all parking garages, Mr. Newell oversaw the City's Circulator
3 trolley launch to provide a downtown shuttle service and implemented market
4 pricing in the City's garages; and

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6 **WHEREAS,** as part of his broader strategic vision, Mr. Newell installed electronic
7 advertising and wayfinding in the garages, implemented License Plate
8 Recognition technology to parking enforcement, and advanced the Multi-modal
9 Transit Center Feasibility Study.

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12 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that we
13 applaud Mr. Newell's dedication and thank him for his commitment to the City and its
14 transportation ridership as City of Annapolis' Director of Transportation.

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17 **EXPLANATION**

18 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

19 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

20 Underlining indicates amendments.