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## **Recognition for Heroism: Betty McClerkin, Bus Operator, Gateway Division**

Linda:

- It is indeed an honor to introduce Bus Operator Betty McClerkin. Operator McClerkin is joined by Transit Operations Executive Officer, Ellen Levine, who has a remarkable story to tell.

Ellen:

- Last Thursday afternoon, while operating southbound on line 55, Operator Betty McClerkin observed a man grab a child from the exit driveway of the Metro Blue Line Imperial Station, and throw him into the trunk of his car.
- Ms. McClerkin contacted the control center, used her bus to block the exit driveway, preventing the suspect's vehicle from leaving, then signaled a passing LASO radio car.
- The Sheriffs Deputies made a felony stop to apprehend the suspect and rescue the child.
- Not only was she a hero last Thursday, but has been an everyday hero as a Bus Operator for 9 years. In fact, tomorrow is her 9<sup>th</sup> employment anniversary.

Linda:

- Now I would like to call upon Chairman Zarian to present Operator McClerkin with a special award.

Chairman Zarian

- Ms. McClerkin, I cannot tell you how proud we are of you. You bring honor to all of us, especially the hard working women and men who wear that uniform, and serve the public.
- On behalf of the MTA Board of Directors, and the entire Metro system family, I am please to present you with this certificate, as a small token of our gratitude and admiration for your heroic actions.