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Metro's 98-year-old Arthur Winston, center, was honored by the California State Senate for serving L.A. "with great dedication and distinction." With him in the Senate chambers, from left, are South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey and State Sen. Kevin Murray (D-LA).

## State Senate Honors Service of Metro's Arthur Winston

By RICH MORALLO

(Aug. 11, 2004) Metro legend Arthur Winston, recipient of countless awards for his 70 years of service to the agency, received another accolade, Aug. 9, when the California State Senate recognized him for a lifetime of achievement.

"I'm just real happy that all of this is happening to me," said the 98-year old service attendant.

Winston still drives to work at 5:30 a.m. every day to lead a crew of service attendants in cleaning and maintaining buses at the Chesterfield Square bus facility named after him - Arthur Winston Division 5.

On Monday, Winston, accompanied by South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey, flew to Sacramento to be recognized on the Senate floor at the start of the day's Session.

### 'Ded ication and distinction'

In a resolution, State Sen. Kevin Murray (D-LA) praised Winston "...for serving the Los Angeles community with great dedication and distinction as an employee of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority..." and commended him for improving the lives of the people of the Los Angeles and the State of California.

"Arthur's inspiration continues to be recognized and honored both inside and outside Metro," commented Coffey, who oversees both the Arthur Winston Division and Carson Division 18. "Arthur has such dedication to work and loyalty to Metro - there is no one like him in the industry."

In 1924, at age 17, Arthur Winston started cleaning trolley cars for the Los Angeles Railway Company, which later evolved into today's Metro. In

70 years he has missed just a single day of work - the day his wife died in 1988. Records show Winston has never been late and never left early.

"I go to work every day, get along with my co-workers, and I do my best to raise my family and do my job," says Winston.

He was also recently recognized by the Los Angeles City Council. In 1996, he received a Congressional Citation from President Bill Clinton as Employee of the Century.

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