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**MTA's Most Senior Employee, 97-year-old Arthur Winston, Celebrates 70 Continuous Years of Employment in L.A. Public Transit**

After working on the job for more than seven decades with only one absence, MTA's Arthur Winston will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> continuous years of employment with MTA and its predecessors on Friday, January 23.

97-year old Winston has actually worked for Los Angeles public transit agencies for a total of 74 years, having briefly left 1928, returning a few years later. He was honored for his longevity back in 1997 by the MTA Board of Directors, which named the agency's bus operating division in South Los Angeles after him.

"Arthur inspires us all, not only here in Metro South Bay, but throughout the agency," said MTA's Metro South Bay Service Sector General Manager Dana Coffey. "His dedication to work, loyalty to the MTA and his fellow team members, and his remarkable safety record make Arthur the legend, icon and model that he is."

At the Arthur Winston Division, he is a service attendant leader, directing a crew of 11 employees who clean, maintain and refuel Metro buses.

Arthur Winston was born in Oklahoma on March 22, 1906 before Oklahoma was officially recognized as a state. He came West and attended Jefferson High School here in the Southland, graduating in 1922.

Winston was first employed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company in December 1924 and worked until mid-1928. He resumed his employment with the agency on January 24, 1934. He has missed only one day of work since then which occurred when his wife died in 1988.

In 1996, Arthur Winston received a Congressional Citation from then President Clinton as "Employee of the Century". In his more than seven decades of service, he has received many honors for his work ethic and longevity on the job.

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Arthur Winston, who will turn 98 in March, celebrates 70 years on the job. He is a service attendant leader at the Arthur Winston Division, a bus operating division of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

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