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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The diverse transport modes of the Lone Star State  
2 are necessary to successfully connect products with markets and  
3 foreign commerce; highways, railways, waterways, and airways  
4 remain in use every hour of every day, promoting Texas' economic  
5 vitality, providing meaningful jobs, and enabling travel for  
6 business or pleasure; and

7           WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy declared the first  
8 National Transportation Week in May 1962 as the result of  
9 unyielding efforts made by Charlotte Jones Woods, the first  
10 educational chair of the Women's Transportation Club of Houston  
11 (WTCOH); and

12           WHEREAS, Mrs. Woods and the Women's Transportation Club of  
13 Houston became diligent advocates for an observance of  
14 transportation week in 1952, after scholarships offered by the  
15 organization produced no applicants; realizing that the public  
16 should be made aware of the wide range of opportunities available in  
17 the flourishing transportation industry, Mrs. Woods and WTCOH began  
18 a crusade to have a week designated in recognition of  
19 transportation; and

20           WHEREAS, After establishing transportation week in 10 Texas  
21 cities, Mrs. Woods was named director of Traffic Clubs  
22 International, in which capacity she sought to achieve the same  
23 goal at the national level; with the spirit of a true Texan, Mrs.  
24 Woods overcame a series of obstacles on her crusade for the

1 establishment of a national transportation week, ultimately seeing  
2 her dream realized after eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas is among the states leading the nation in  
4 street, highway, waterway, and railroad mileage, and the state's  
5 transportation industry employs some 376,000 Texans, making it of  
6 vital economic importance to our state; and

7 WHEREAS, Transportation has played a fundamental role in  
8 Texas history and will surely be a critical aspect of our state's  
9 future, and it is important to acknowledge the contributions of  
10 this noteworthy industry at the statewide level; now, therefore, be  
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize May 11-17, 2003, as Transportation  
14 Week in Texas, which is being held in conjunction with National  
15 Transportation Week.