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H.R. No. 2079

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation  
2 Authority (the "RTA") was organized pursuant to legislation adopted  
3 by the 68th Legislature and confirmed by almost a two-thirds vote of  
4 the electorate in Corpus Christi on August 10, 1985; and

5           WHEREAS, the RTA expanded a public transit system that  
6 principally served only the central city area of Corpus Christi  
7 into a regional transportation system which serves not only Corpus  
8 Christi but all of Nueces County and seven area communities - 840  
9 square miles of service area; and

10           WHEREAS, the RTA operates a unique mix of transportation  
11 systems with over 120 different vehicles, including traditional  
12 fixed route service, paratransit service, downtown trolleys, a  
13 harbor ferry, van pools, a tourist tram, and special event  
14 park-and-ride services; and

15           WHEREAS, the RTA has constructed five major transfer stations  
16 in the community and has completed five different Livable  
17 Communities Initiative (LCI) projects with the U.S. Federal Transit  
18 Administration improving the appearance of neighborhoods and  
19 enhancing mobility options for the public; and

20           WHEREAS, the RTA has been proactive in providing  
21 transportation services for individuals with disabilities through  
22 its B-Line service, accessible fixed route service, and a broad  
23 range of mobility improvements in the streets and sidewalks of the  
24 RTA's service area; and

1           WHEREAS, the RTA has developed innovative partnerships with  
2 private businesses, nonprofit groups, and public organizations,  
3 such as the City of Corpus Christi, Del Mar College, Texas A&M  
4 University - Corpus Christi, and rural transit districts in the  
5 area that have improved transportation services for area residents  
6 and reduced expenses for the participating entities; and

7           WHEREAS, the RTA has transported passengers on more than 90  
8 million passenger trips during its history of almost 20 years in  
9 serving the communities of the Corpus Christi region; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
12 hereby commends the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation  
13 Authority as it prepares to celebrate its Twentieth (20th)  
14 anniversary on August 10, 2005, for its continued efforts in  
15 providing mobility to the public in the Corpus Christi region and  
16 enhancing the livability and economic vitality of the communities  
17 it serves in South Texas; and,

18           RESOLVED, That congratulations are extended to the current  
19 and former members of the Board of Directors of the RTA over the  
20 past 20 years and the dedication of more than 300 regular and  
21 contract employees of the RTA that have worked together to make the  
22 RTA successful in its mission of serving the public through  
23 providing quality transportation service; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority as an  
26 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.