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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Transit Association are
2 visiting the State Capitol on February 24, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1986 to promote public transportation,
4 the TTA is a nonprofit professional corporation composed of 8
5 metropolitan transit authorities, 30 small urban transit
6 districts, and 39 rural transit districts from throughout Texas,
7 with public and private entities from across the country holding
8 associate membership; and

9 WHEREAS, The TTA promotes public transportation through its
10 monthly newsletter and its annual conference and expo; in 2002, the
11 association created the Texas Transit Foundation, a nonprofit
12 educational organization whose mission is to promote public
13 transportation, conduct research on public policy and other issues,
14 and provide professional development opportunities for those
15 involved in the public transportation industry; and

16 WHEREAS, The work of this notable organization benefits many
17 Texans who rely on public transportation as their primary means of
18 getting to work, school, medical appointments, and myriad other
19 activities; communities also profit immeasurably from public
20 transportation in terms of job creation and the reduction of
21 traffic and environmental impact, thereby enhancing quality of life
22 for residents; moreover, public transportation systems are
23 integral to a community's ability to deal with disasters, as
24 evidenced by their vital assistance to victims of Hurricanes Gustav

1 and Ike; and

2 WHEREAS, Public transportation makes it possible for a host
3 of Americans to engage more fully in life, even as it fosters
4 economic development, more livable communities, and cleaner air,
5 and for more than two decades the TTA has supported the needs of the
6 state's public transportation systems through advocacy and
7 education; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby designate February 24, 2009, as Texas Transit Association
10 Day at the State Capitol.