

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Irving is marking the advent of an
2 exciting new era in transportation and economic growth with a
3 groundbreaking ceremony for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Orange
4 Line on April 13, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, The Orange Line is a key component of a regional rail
6 expansion that will lead to the doubling of DART's rail network by
7 2013; the line will run parallel with the Green Line through
8 downtown Dallas to Bachman Station in Northwest Dallas before
9 branching off to the northwest; construction, taking place in
10 stages, is scheduled to reach the Las Colinas Urban Center in 2011
11 and the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, Working in close partnership with DART, Irving
13 officials have dedicated enormous amounts of time and energy to
14 this vital mass transit project, which will connect business
15 centers, medical facilities, institutions of higher education, and
16 new transit villages to downtown Dallas and DFW; city leaders are
17 working diligently to maximize the economic impact of the Orange
18 Line by promoting mixed-use development within a quarter-mile of
19 each of Irving's eight DART transit stations; and

20 WHEREAS, Millions of private sector dollars have been
21 designated for new development projects, and more than \$4 billion
22 in new commercial, office, entertainment, and residential
23 developments will be sited along the rail line; the Orange Line will
24 spur creation of thousands of new jobs and improve access to

1 better-paying jobs for residents of historically disadvantaged
2 areas, while making the pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods of the
3 Las Colinas Urban Center more convenient to those who live in
4 Dallas, Plano, Richardson, and Carrollton-Farmers Branch; and

5 WHEREAS, Rail service is critical for the Dallas-Fort Worth
6 Metroplex as its population continues to expand; by promoting
7 economic growth in walkable urban neighborhoods and linking popular
8 destinations, the Orange Line will decrease traffic congestion and
9 air pollution and improve quality of life throughout the entire
10 North Texas region; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the groundbreaking for the Orange
13 Line in Irving on April 13, 2009, and extend sincere
14 congratulations to the City of Irving and to Dallas Area Rapid
15 Transit; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the City of Irving as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 1213

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1213 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House