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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Transit Association are 3 visiting the State Capitol on February 24, 2009; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The Texas Transit Association promotes public transportation through its monthly newsletter and its annual 11 12 conference and expo; in 2002, the association created the Texas Transit Foundation, a nonprofit educational organization whose 13 mission is to promote public transportation, conduct research on 14 15 public policy and other issues, and provide professional development opportunities for those involved in the public 16 17 transportation industry; and

18 WHEREAS, The work of this notable organization benefits many 19 Texans who rely on public transportation as their primary means of 20 getting to work, school, medical appointments, and myriad other 21 activities; communities also profit immeasurably from public 22 transportation in terms of job creation and the reduction of 23 traffic and environmental impact, thereby enhancing quality of life 24 for residents; moreover, public transportation systems are

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1 integral to a community's ability to deal with disasters, as 2 evidenced by their vital assistance to victims of Hurricanes Gustav 3 and Ike; and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas 11 hereby designate February 24, 2009, as Texas Transit Association 12 Day at the State Capitol.

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