

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sun Metro in El Paso has been named a 2011
2 Outstanding Public Transportation System by the American Public
3 Transportation Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The award is presented annually to just a few
5 transit systems in the country that best demonstrate achievement in
6 transit efficiency and effectiveness over the previous three-year
7 period; Sun Metro won in the medium-size category, which honors
8 transit systems providing between 4 and 30 million rides each year,
9 and it was judged on quantifiable performance-related data,
10 including its safety record, operating procedures, customer
11 service, financial management, sustainable practices, workforce
12 development, marketing, technological applications, and community
13 involvement; and

14 WHEREAS, Dedicated to making El Paso the least car-dependent
15 city in the Southwest, Sun Metro is working to make public transit a
16 more accessible, attractive, and viable option for all; among its
17 recent accomplishments are the completion of four new transfer
18 centers, a partnership with Google, the installation of nearly 200
19 shelters, a 21 percent increase in ridership, and the introduction
20 of eight new vehicles; in addition, Sun Metro has adopted a plan to
21 develop a Rapid Transit System along four corridors, with the first
22 two to become operational in late 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, Currently, Sun Metro supports some 15 million bus
24 passenger trips a year with 167 vehicles that service 58 routes;

1 moreover, the transit system includes 65 LIFT paratransit vehicles
2 on which about 200,000 disabled passengers rode in 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, The enhancement and expansion of public
4 transportation contributes to economic development and an improved
5 quality of life for a community, and Sun Metro's notable
6 advancements in these areas make it a truly fitting choice for this
7 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Sun Metro on its
10 receipt of a 2011 Outstanding Public Transportation System award by
11 the American Public Transportation Association and extend to all
12 those associated with the organization sincere best wishes for
13 continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Sun Metro as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 122

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 122 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House