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H.R. No. 639

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Transit Association are  
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 2, 2011; 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 House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2011, as Texas Transit  
10 Association Day at the State Capitol.