

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 421

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Transit Association are visiting the State Capitol on March 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1986 to promote public transportation, the Texas Transit Association is a nonprofit professional corporation composed of eight 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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby designate March 2, 2011, as Texas Transit Association Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Williams

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate