

House Resolution 395

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Ashe of the 46th, Millar of the 59th and Irvin of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging that the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Overview Committee
2 (MARTOC) evaluate certain commercial development actions and authority of the
3 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA); and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, MARTA was established in 1965 to provide a mass transit system for the
5 metropolitan Atlanta area; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in addition to establishing an excellent rapid transit system, MARTA has
7 engaged in a number of commercial development activities in an effort to provide smart
8 growth and diversify its operating funding base; and
- 9 WHEREAS, recent litigation appears to have established that MARTA was within its legal
10 authority in several challenged recent commercial development activities; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in carrying out those activities MARTA should give sufficient consideration to
12 issues of air quality, traffic congestion, and mitigation of the impact on existing communities
13 adjacent to MARTA's commercial development activities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the General Assembly needs to explore whether amendments to the law creating
15 MARTA are necessary to condition such activities upon proper consideration of the above
16 and other issues; and
- 17 WHEREAS, MARTOC was created in 1973 to evaluate the performance of MARTA and
18 exercise broad oversight with regard to MARTA.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge that MARTOC undertake a thorough review of the
21 commercial development activities of MARTA to determine whether changes in the law
22 creating MARTA may be necessary to condition such activities upon compliance with

1 legislatively established standards relating to air quality, traffic congestion, and mitigation
2 of the impact on existing communities adjacent to MARTA's commercial development
3 activities, and such other factors as the committee may determine.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the chairperson and vice
6 chairperson of MARTOC.