

House Resolution 20EX

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st, Geisinger of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Stephenson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA); and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the leadership, staff, and employees of MARTA should be commended for their
4 magnanimous deeds in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; and

5 WHEREAS, MARTA has been integrally involved in the cooperative efforts of metropolitan
6 Atlantans to respond to the overwhelming needs created by the hurricane's massive
7 destruction; and

8 WHEREAS, MARTA has provided buses to move hurricane evacuees and their pets from
9 Dobbins Air Force Base to various shelter locations in Atlanta and as far away as Madison;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, on September 6, MARTA provided shuttle service to the Red Cross and is
12 providing shuttle service and fare media to New Orleans police officers and firefighters and
13 their families who are in the City of Atlanta for a respite; and

14 WHEREAS, 13 MARTA police personnel and the mobile command vehicle will be
15 dispatched to Jackson County, Mississippi, on September 9 as requested by Georgia
16 Homeland Security and GEMA; and

17 WHEREAS, some employees of MARTA have taken into their homes families that have
18 been displaced by the hurricane; and

19 WHEREAS, MARTA has distributed tokens to the Red Cross as well as weekly fare cards
20 and weekend fare cards to county emergency management agencies for disbursement to
21 evacuees; and

1 WHEREAS, the MARTA Charity Club has made a generous monetary donation to the relief
2 efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, responding compassionately and effectively to a disaster of this unprecedented
4 magnitude is enormously difficult, and it is altogether fitting and proper that this body
5 acknowledge and commend the leadership, staff, and employees of MARTA.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend MARTA for its generous efforts on behalf of the victims
8 of Hurricane Katrina and express their gratitude.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to MARTA.