

## House Resolution 1470

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Thursday, February 18, 2010, as Transit Day in Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are 122 public transit systems serving 170 of the 180 House districts in  
4 the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, mobility in Georgia is provided through human services transportation  
6 providers, van pools, transportation management associations, and rural, urban, and  
7 university transit systems; and

8 WHEREAS, public transportation provides mobility choices and, for this reason, more of  
9 Georgia's residents are choosing to utilize public transit in their daily lives; and

10 WHEREAS, orderly economic growth and public health in some areas of Georgia are  
11 jeopardized by air pollution, and transit usage contributes to a cleaner environment by  
12 reducing the number of vehicles on Georgia's roadways; and

13 WHEREAS, investment in transit has proven to be an economic generator, with every \$1.00  
14 invested providing a \$6.00 return in local economic development; and

15 WHEREAS, transportation needs in Georgia are increasing, with public transportation being  
16 used to access employment, medical appointments, nutritional needs, and destinations for  
17 social, personal, and educational purposes; and

18 WHEREAS, in rural Georgia 43.6 percent of public transportation riders are seniors and 19.4  
19 percent are individuals with disabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, transit provides congestion relief in crowded urban and suburban areas and  
21 improves quality of life for all Georgians.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend public transportation in Georgia and recognize  
24 Thursday, February 18, 2010, as Transit Day in Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and  
27 the press.