

## House Resolution 87

By: Representatives Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to reaffirm its commitment to an  
2 extension of the rail system along the east side of Interstate 20 in South DeKalb County; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, residents of South DeKalb County have paid a 1 percent sales tax to fund  
5 operations and capital improvements to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority  
6 (MARTA) since 1972; and

7 WHEREAS, there has been no rail expansion in South DeKalb County while MARTA  
8 extended rail stations to Central DeKalb County in 1993 with Indian Creek Station and to  
9 North Fulton and North DeKalb counties in 1996 with Buckhead, Medical Center, and  
10 Dunwoody Stations and again in 2000 with Sandy Springs and North Springs Stations; and

11 WHEREAS, the 9th and 13th amendments to the Rapid Transit Contract Agreement specify  
12 MARTA's priority to extend heavy rail beyond the Indian Creek Station to Stonecrest Mall;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, in April, 2012, the MARTA board of directors approved a heavy rail extension  
15 from the Indian Creek Station to run parallel along Interstate 285 South and continuing east  
16 along Interstate 20 to the Stonecrest Mall area as a locally preferred alternative; and

17 WHEREAS, residents of South DeKalb County have limited access to the MARTA rail  
18 system; and

19 WHEREAS, extension of the MARTA rail along the south/southeastern corridor of Interstate  
20 20 would create opportunities for transit oriented development.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body express its support of an extension of heavy rail along the east side  
23 of Interstate 20 and urge the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority to reaffirm its  
24 commitment to an extension of the rail system in South DeKalb County.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the elected officials from  
26 DeKalb County and the CEO and Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid  
27 Transit Authority to work together in developing a comprehensive mass transit plan for  
28 DeKalb County that includes heavy and light rail alternatives to extend the existing rail  
29 system from the City of Atlanta to the City of Stonecrest.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 CEO and members of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit  
33 Authority, the CEO of DeKalb County, and members of the DeKalb County Board of  
34 Commissioners.