

## House Resolution 995

By: Representatives Silcox of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, Hilton of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Holland of the 54<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2024, as Transit Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia transit agencies provide an invaluable service to the citizens of Georgia  
3 by improving mobility and connectivity, forging communities, lowering the cost of living,  
4 reducing traffic congestion, promoting job creation, and driving economic development  
5 across the state; and

6 WHEREAS, the 98 public transportation systems in urban areas and rural communities,  
7 serving 130 counties and represented by the Georgia Transit Association (GTA), made nearly  
8 70 million passenger trips last year; and

9 WHEREAS, GTA is dedicated to improving public transportation in the State of Georgia and  
10 is focused on coordinating with state legislators to achieve equitable transit outcomes  
11 throughout the 130 counties in the state served by public transit and working for stable transit  
12 funding throughout the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Agency (MARTA) was founded by the  
14 Georgia General Assembly with the 1965 MARTA Act that set the legislative framework to  
15 provide rapid transit service to Georgia's capital city, serving more than 51 million annual

16 commuters in DeKalb, Fulton, and Clayton counties with 338 rail cars operating on 48 miles  
17 of track and 550 buses along 1,439 miles of roads; and

18 WHEREAS, Advance Atlanta ensures urban carriers and rural transit providers have a voice  
19 in their state's government by bringing the public, business, and community stakeholders  
20 together to pursue regional solutions to the transportation challenges facing the Atlanta  
21 region; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Transit Trust Fund supports capital transit projects in line with the  
23 state's priorities, helping transit providers across the state expand service to reach more  
24 customers in more areas; and

25 WHEREAS, Transit Day 2024 raises awareness of the myriad benefits of public transit and  
26 brings together Georgia's transit providers, citizen advocates, and lawmakers to encourage  
27 sustained investments in this valued public services.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 members of this body recognize February 12, 2024, as Transit Day at the state capitol and  
30 commend the state's public transportation providers that help deliver the state's workforce,  
31 lower the cost of living, and spur economic development.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 public and the press.