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A C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

To declare February 14, 2020, as "Ohio Loves Transit Day" 1
and encourage all Ohioans to participate in the events 2
taking place across Ohio during the week of and on 3
February 14, 2020, to celebrate the importance of 4
public transit in Ohio. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio's 61 urban and rural public transit agencies, 6
which serve 83 Ohio counties, will observe the third annual Ohio 7
Loves Transit Day on February 14, 2020. On that day, transit 8
agencies sponsor events and activities to encourage ridership 9
and to educate people about the many contributions public 10
transit agencies makes to Ohio's economy and to the quality of 11
life in Ohio's communities; and 12

WHEREAS, 500,000 Ohioans depend on public transit every day 13
to get to various destinations, including work, school, and 14
medical appointments. Ohio's public transit agencies provide 15

more than 117,000,000 rides per year, including more than 16
14,000,000 rides for seniors and people with disabilities; and 17

WHEREAS, Public transportation in Ohio is a \$900,000,000 18
industry that directly employs more than 7,400 people and 19
creates tens of thousands of private-sector jobs. The nearly \$1 20
billion invested in public transit generates \$3.6 billion in 21
economic activity in Ohio each year; and 22

WHEREAS, Public transit reduces wear and tear on public 23
roads, highways, and bridges and eases traffic congestion. 24
Public transit's development and deployment of vehicles powered 25
by alternative fuels, including natural gas produced in Ohio, 26
protects the environment, reduces America's reliance on foreign 27
oil, and has enabled the state to become a national leader in 28
green energy research and development, investment, and job 29
creation; and 30

WHEREAS, The existence of robust public transit service has 31
become a prerequisite for companies seeking to expand or 32
relocate facilities or operations; and 33

WHEREAS, Public transit's continued commitment to provide 34
the mobility services Ohioans want, need, and deserve is worthy 35
of recognition; now therefore be it 36

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 133rd General Assembly 37
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare February 38
14, 2020, as "Ohio Loves Transit Day" and encourage all Ohioans to 39
participate in the events taking place across Ohio during the week 40
of and on February 14, 2020, to celebrate the importance of public 41
transit in Ohio; and be it further 42

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 43
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 44
Governor and the news media of Ohio. 45