A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, 500,000 Ohioans depend on public transit every day to get to various destinations, including work, school, and medical appointments. Ohio's public transit agencies provide...
more than 117,000,000 rides per year, including more than 14,000,000 rides for seniors and people with disabilities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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