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H. RES. 28

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

Whereas the Transportation Security Administration is uniquely positioned to lead the efforts to secure our Nation's rail and mass transit lines from the threat of terrorism as a result of expertise developed through over five years of securing our Nation's commercial air transportation system;

Whereas the successes of the Transportation Security Administration's National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program has furthered the Transportation Security Administration's ability to provide security against terrorist attacks on the Nation's transportation systems by preventing and protecting against explosives threats;

Whereas each weekday 11,300,000 passengers depend on our Nation's mass transit lines as a means of transportation, and mass transit lines serve as an enticing target for terrorists as evidenced by the March 11, 2004, attack on the Madrid, Spain, mass transit system, the July 7, 2005, attack on the London, England, mass transit system, and the July 11, 2006, attack on the Mumbai, India, mass transit system;

Whereas each weekday more than 25 million children depend on our Nation's school transportation system, in addition to mass transit systems, to get to and from school and school activities, and the security of these systems must be enhanced to address the threat of terrorism; and

Whereas securing our Nation's rail and mass transit lines from terrorist attack and other security threats is essential due to their impact on our Nation's economic stability and the continued functioning of our national economy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Transportation Security Adminis-
2 tration should—

3 (1) continue to enhance security against ter-
4 rorist attack and other security threats to our Na-
5 tion's rail and mass transit lines, as well as school
6 transportation systems, including as provided for in

1 the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
2 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53);

3 (2) continue development of the National Ex-
4 plosives Detection Canine Team Program, which has
5 proven to be an effective tool in securing against ex-
6 plosives threats to our Nation’s rail and mass transit
7 lines, with particular attention to the application of
8 its training standards and the establishment of a re-
9 liable source of domestically bred canines;

10 (3) improve upon the success of the Online
11 Learning Center by providing increased person-to-
12 person professional development programs to ensure
13 those responsible for securing against terrorist at-
14 tacks on our transportation systems are highly
15 trained in both securing against terrorist attacks
16 and professional relations with the traveling public;
17 and

18 (4) continue to secure our Nation’s mass tran-
19 sit and rail lines against terrorist attack and other
20 security threats, so as to ensure the security of com-
21 muters on our Nation’s mass transit lines and pre-
22 vent the disruption of rail lines critical to our Na-
23 tion’s economy, and to give special attention to
24 school transportation systems by working with
25 school administrators, State and local law enforce-

1 ment, and other representatives in the school trans-
2 portation industry to keep children safe from ter-
3 rorist attack.

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