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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Transportation - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority -**
3 **Metrorail Red Line - Expansion Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation to
5 urge the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to conduct a certain
6 study of the expansion of Metrorail to Olney in Montgomery County; and urging
7 the Governor to direct the Secretary of Transportation to explore securing
8 federal funds for the expansion of the Metrorail red line.

9 WHEREAS, Traffic congestion in the Greater Washington region, and especially
10 in Montgomery County, is severe and has dramatically worsened in recent years; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents of the Greater Washington region have moved farther
12 from Washington, D.C., including Olney, Maryland; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has indicated that periods
14 marked by severely congested conditions on the Capital Beltway, with associated
15 degradation to the air quality of the region, will expand from the current 5 hours per
16 day to over 14 hours per day by 2020; and

17 WHEREAS, Improved public transportation in the outer suburbs would
18 significantly reduce traffic congestion by providing a convenient and reliable transit
19 alternative for thousands of suburban commuters using the Capital Beltway; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
22 General Assembly urges the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation to urge the
23 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to study the expansion of the
24 Metrorail red line from the current Glenmont station to Olney in Montgomery
25 County, including the option of providing light rail service to Olney, with at least one
26 station at the intersection of Norbeck Road and Route 97 (Georgia Avenue); and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Governor to direct the
29 Secretary of Transportation to explore securing federal funds for the expansion of the
30 Metrorail red line; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
3 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
4 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable
5 Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary of Transportation.