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H. RES. 15

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with existing law, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation; and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE 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 existing law, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation; and for other purposes.

Whereas the Transportation Security Administration is uniquely positioned to lead the efforts to secure our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation against terrorist attack as a result of expertise developed over nine 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 secure our Nation's transportation systems against terrorist attack by preventing and protecting against explosives threats;

Whereas each weekday 11,300,000 passengers depend on our Nation's mass transit systems as a means of transportation;

Whereas rail and mass transit systems serve as an enticing target for terrorists and terrorist organizations, such as Al Qaeda, as evidenced by the March 11, 2004, attack on the Madrid, Spain, rail system, the July 7, 2005, attack on the London, England, mass transit system, the July 11, 2006, and November 26, 2008, attacks on the Mumbai, India, rail system, and the March 29, 2010, attack on the Moscow, Russia, mass transit system;

Whereas the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act of 2009, which was passed by the House of Representatives on June 4, 2009, in an overwhelming and bipartisan manner, expresses Congress' commitment to bolstering the security of rail and mass transit systems; and

Whereas securing our Nation's rail and mass transit systems against 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 it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the Transportation Security Administra-
3 tion should—

1 (1) continue to enhance security against ter-
2 rorist attack and other security threats to our Na-
3 tion’s rail and mass transit systems and other modes
4 of surface transportation, including as provided for
5 in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11
6 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53) and
7 the Transportation Security Administration Author-
8 ization Act of 2009 (H.R. 2200 in the 111th Con-
9 gress);

10 (2) continue development of the National Ex-
11 plosives Detection Canine Team Program, which has
12 proven to be an effective tool in securing against ex-
13 plosives threats to our Nation’s rail and mass transit
14 systems, with particular attention to the application
15 of its training standards and the establishment of a
16 reliable source of domestically bred canines;

17 (3) improve upon the success of the Online
18 Learning Center by providing increased person-to-
19 person professional development programs to ensure
20 those responsible for securing our surface transpor-
21 tation systems against terrorist attack are highly
22 trained in both securing those systems against ter-
23 rorist attack and professional relations with the
24 traveling public; and

1 (4) continue to secure our Nation's mass tran-
2 sit and rail systems against terrorist attack and
3 other security threats, so as to ensure the security
4 of commuters on our Nation's rail and mass transit
5 systems and prevent the disruption of rail lines crit-
6 ical to our Nation's economy.

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