

## House Resolution 1033

By: Representatives Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>, Floyd of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners work to ease the traffic woes  
2 facing its constituents and listen to citizens' demands to increase mass transit options; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in the metropolitan Atlanta region is an ongoing problem that  
5 negatively impacts the lives of Georgia residents and visitors; and

6 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County stands as one of Georgia's most populated counties, and the  
7 number of county residents continues to grow; and

8 WHEREAS, among the counties of the metropolitan Atlanta area, Gwinnett is being left  
9 behind by neighboring counties where providing mass transit options have become priorities;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, mass transit options are vital to ensure economic prosperity of people and the  
12 neighborhoods in which they live, work, and play; and

13 WHEREAS, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) provides efficient rail  
14 service throughout Atlanta, giving passengers with access to its trains the freedom to travel  
15 without the burden of a car or traffic; and

16 WHEREAS, extending the MARTA rail line into Gwinnett County to the Gwinnett Center  
17 Arena would not only help alleviate traffic congestion in the area but also spur economic  
18 growth; and

19 WHEREAS, many citizens in Gwinnett County would welcome the addition of rail service  
20 as a transportation option and have voiced their frustration with elected officials who do not  
21 advocate for their desire to join MARTA; and

22 WHEREAS, the first step in determining whether Gwinnett County should join MARTA and  
23 decrease the time drivers are stuck in traffic must come from the Gwinnett County Board of  
24 Commissioners; and

25 WHEREAS, town halls and other public forums should be held to allow for public input and  
26 comment on the topic of allowing the voice of the people to be heard with a vote to join  
27 MARTA.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body request that members of the Gwinnett County Board of  
30 Commissioners hold public forums or provide for other similar means to gauge Gwinnett  
31 County voters' desire to join the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners  
33 determine that a majority of residents desire to expand the MARTA rail line into the county,  
34 the board is urged to take immediate action so that a vote of the people may be taken during  
35 the 2016 elections.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available to the Gwinnett County  
38 Board of Commissioners.