

Senate Resolution 895

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2018, as Transit Equity Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, transit equity is a right for all citizens of Georgia and is an issue of social,
4 economic, and environmental justice; and

5 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., fought for civil rights, social and economic justice, and
6 fair and equitable wages for the working class; and

7 WHEREAS, Atlanta, Georgia, is the home of the Civil Rights Movement, Reverend Dr.
8 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks sat down in the
11 white section of a bus when there were no seats available in the colored section, thereby
12 defying the cruel, racially charged regulations of the time period; and

13 WHEREAS, she is known today as "the first lady of civil rights" and as "the mother of the
14 freedom movement," and her birthday is celebrated on February 4; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and its counties and cities are looking to spend billions of
16 dollars in order to expand the transit services of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit
17 Authority (MARTA); and

18 WHEREAS, the leaders and residents of Metropolitan Atlanta are in the process of forming
19 alliances which will work together to ensure that transit dollars are spent equitably
20 throughout all neighborhoods; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is currently looking at plans to connect major Georgia
22 cities and neighboring states via this transit system; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the pressing issue of transit equity be
24 brought to light and recognized on this day.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize February 5, 2018, as Transit Equity Day at the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
29 press.