

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 52

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman TURNER and Assemblyman GUSCIORA

1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the New Jersey Transit Corporation to  
2 restore passenger service on the West Trenton rail line.

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4 WHEREAS, The West Trenton rail line has been used only for rail freight  
5 operations since the New Jersey Transit Corporation suspended passenger  
6 service on that line in 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, The West Trenton rail line transverses Manville Borough,  
8 Hillsborough Township, Millstone Borough and Montgomery  
9 Township in Somerset County; East Amwell Township in Hunterdon  
10 County; and Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough  
11 and Ewing Township in Mercer County and the roadways in those areas,  
12 including Routes 206, 22 and 1, are often subject to traffic  
13 congestion and delays thereby decreasing air quality in that area as well as  
14 the quality of life of those persons having to use those roadways to get  
15 to work; and

16 WHEREAS, Restoration of passenger service on the West Trenton rail line  
17 would help reduce traffic congestion in this portion of the State, improve  
18 air quality, allow area residents the option of a less stressful,  
19 mass-transportation commute and provide better mass t r a n s i t  
20 interconnections throughout the State; and

21 WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to call upon  
22 New Jersey Transit to restore passenger service on the West Trenton rail  
23 line so the citizens of the State can enjoy the benefits such restoration  
24 would bring; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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28 1. The New Jersey Transit Corporation, for the reasons set forth in the  
29 preamble hereto, is urged to restore passenger service on the West Trenton  
30 rail line.

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32 2. Authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the  
33 General Assembly and attested thereto by the Clerk thereof, shall be  
34 forwarded to the Commissioner of Transportation, the board

1 of the New Jersey Transit Corporation, and the Executive Director of the  
2 New Jersey Transit Corporation.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution calls upon the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) to  
8 restore passenger service on the West Trenton rail line. Since 1983, when  
9 NJT suspended passenger service, the line has been used only for freight  
10 operations.

11 The West Trenton rail line transverses Manville Borough, Hillsborough  
12 Township, Millstone Borough and Montgomery Township in Somerset  
13 County; East Amwell Township in Hunterdon County; and Hopewell  
14 Borough, Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough and Ewing Township in  
15 Mercer County. The roadways in those areas, including Routes 206, 22 and  
16 1, are often subject to traffic congestion and delays decreasing air quality as  
17 well as the quality of life of those persons having to use those roadways to get  
18 to work. Restoration of passenger service on the West Trenton rail line would  
19 help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, allow area residents the  
20 option of a less stressful, mass-transportation commute; and provide better  
21 mass transit interconnections throughout the State.

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26 Urges New Jersey Transit to restore passenger service on the West Trenton  
27 rail line.