

# House Calendar No. 135

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

## H. RES. 28

[Report No. 111-347]

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

DECEMBER 1, 2009

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## RESOLUTION

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attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.

Whereas the Transportation Security Administration is uniquely positioned to lead the efforts to secure our Nation's rail and mass transit lines from the threat of terrorism as a result of expertise developed through over five 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 provide security against terrorist attacks on the Nation's transportation systems by preventing and protecting against explosives threats;

Whereas each weekday 11,300,000 passengers depend on our Nation's mass transit lines as a means of transportation, and mass transit lines serve as an enticing target for terrorists as evidenced by the March 11, 2004, attack on the Madrid, Spain, mass transit system, the July 7, 2005, attack on the London, England, mass transit system, and the July 11, 2006, attack on the Mumbai, India, mass transit system;

Whereas each weekday more than 25 million children depend on our Nation's school transportation system, in addition to mass transit systems, to get to and from school and school activities, and the security of these systems must be enhanced to address the threat of terrorism; and

Whereas securing our Nation's rail and mass transit lines from terrorist attack and other security threats is essential due to their impact on our Nation's economic sta-

bility and the continued functioning of our national economy. Now, therefore, be it

*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 six 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, and the July 11, 2006, and November 26, 2008, attacks on the Mumbai, India, rail 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 essen-*

*tial 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 the Transportation Security Adminis-*  
2 *tration should—*

3            (1) continue to enhance security against ter-  
4        rorist attack and other security threats to our Na-  
5        tion's rail and mass transit lines, as well as school  
6        transportation systems, including as provided for in  
7        the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11  
8        Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53);

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

16           (3) improve upon the success of the Online  
17        Learning Center by providing increased person-to-  
18        person professional development programs to ensure  
19        those responsible for securing against terrorist at-  
20        tacks on our transportation systems are highly  
21        trained in both securing against terrorist attacks  
22        and professional relations with the traveling public;  
23        and

1           (4) continue to secure our Nation's mass trans-  
2           sit and rail lines against terrorist attack and other  
3           security threats, so as to ensure the security of com-  
4           muters on our Nation's mass transit lines and pre-  
5           vent the disruption of rail lines critical to our Na-  
6           tion's economy, and to give special attention to  
7           school transportation systems by working with  
8           school administrators, State and local law enforce-  
9           ment, and other representatives in the school trans-  
10          portation industry to keep children safe from ter-  
11          rorist attack.

12 *That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that*  
13 *the Transportation Security Administration should—*

14           (1) *continue to enhance security against terrorist*  
15           *attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail*  
16           *and mass transit systems and other modes of surface*  
17           *transportation, including as provided for in the Im-*  
18           *plementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission*  
19           *Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–53) and the Transpor-*  
20           *tation Security Administration Authorization Act of*  
21           *2009 (H.R. 2200 in the 111th Congress);*

22           (2) *continue development of the National Explo-*  
23           *sives Detection Canine Team Program, which has*  
24           *proven to be an effective tool in securing against ex-*  
25           *plosives threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit*

1        *systems, with particular attention to the application*  
2        *of its training standards and the establishment of a*  
3        *reliable source of domestically bred canines;*

4            *(3) improve upon the success of the Online*  
5        *Learning Center by providing increased person-to-*  
6        *person professional development programs to ensure*  
7        *those responsible for securing our surface transpor-*  
8        *tation systems against terrorist attack are highly*  
9        *trained in both securing those systems against ter-*  
10       *rorist attack and professional relations with the trav-*  
11       *eling public; and*

12           *(4) continue to secure our Nation's mass transit*  
13       *and rail systems against terrorist attack and other se-*  
14       *curity threats, so as to ensure the security of com-*  
15       *muters on our Nation's rail and mass transit systems*  
16       *and prevent the disruption of rail lines critical to our*  
17       *Nation's economy.*

Amend the title so as to read: “Resolution express-  
ing the sense of the House of Representatives that the  
Transportation Security Administration should, in ac-  
cordance with the congressional mandate provided for in  
the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commis-  
sion Act of 2007 as well as other statutes, enhance secu-  
rity against terrorist attack and other security threats to  
our Nation’s rail and mass transit systems and other  
modes of surface transportation.”.



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