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Resolution calling upon Congress to pass and the President to sign the Transportation Job Corps Act of 2011, H.R. 929.

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Whereas, The United States Congress has found that the combination of public transportation industry growth and an aging workforce will produce significant new job openings in the transit sector; and

Whereas, Innovations in technology are changing the way transit agencies function, affecting every sector of the workforce, from executive directors to mid-level managers, bus operators, and mechanics, but relatively few programs exist to provide training to workers so that they can perform their jobs adequately, move up the career ladder, and help transit agencies operate at maximum efficiency; and

Whereas, The population of "disconnected youth," ages 16 to 24 who are neither in school nor in the labor force, is estimated to be about 5 million nationally with approximately 200,000 living in New York City; and

Whereas, One of the leading voices of advocacy on behalf of low-income New Yorkers, the Community Service Society, reported that existing education and workforce programs targeting young people only serve up to 7 percent of New York City's disconnected youth; and

Whereas, The Transportation Job Corps Act of 2011, H.R. 929, seeks to amend title 49 of the United States Code in order to expand and improve transit training programs; and

Whereas, Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), as sponsor of this legislation, believes this bill will provide much needed stimulus to create jobs and careers for America's disconnected youth; and

Whereas, H.R. 929 is critical to towns and cities across the nation, because it addresses the improvement of an aging infrastructure that currently does not meet the demands of today's commerce, industry or general population, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Congress to pass and the President to sign the Transportation Job Corps Act of 2011, H.R. 929.

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