SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

Commending Metrobus.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Metrobus, a bus service operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and a critical component of the transit system in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, celebrated its 50th anniversary on February 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus was founded on February 4, 1973, following the acquisition and merger of several local transit companies, including DC Transit; the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company; the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company; and the Washington, Marlboro and Annapolis Motor Lines; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus has dedicated operators who take pride in providing reliable and trusted service daily throughout the national capital region; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus serves customers who depend on public transit for work, leisure, and essential services; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus maintains a fleet of 1,600 buses and serves customers across an area spanning more than 1,500 square miles throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland, and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus is currently transitioning to a zero-emission fleet and plans to be 100 percent emission-free by 2045, with all new buses entering service utilizing electric or other zero-emission technology by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus is grateful to its federal, state, and local funding partners for ensuring that safe, reliable service continues to be provided throughout the national capital region; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus celebrates the community and its staff and regional stakeholders on its 50th anniversary and wishes for many more years of service to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Metrobus hereby be commended on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Metrobus as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for its history of contributions to the Commonwealth.