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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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12 To declare the sense of the Council in support of maintaining late night service hours on
13 Metrorail.
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15 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
16 resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council in Support of Late Night Metrorail Service
17 Hours Emergency Approval Resolution of 2016”.

18 Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

19 (1) The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s Metrorail system is a
20 critical transportation network that connects the entire National Capital region;

21 (2) The region is highly dependent on the hospitality and service industries for
22 employment, attracting new residents and visitors, and tax revenue;

23 (3) Workers, as well as patrons, of hotels, restaurants, and other establishments that
24 stay open late rely on the Metrorail system to connect their places of employment with their
25 homes;

26 (4) Other major cities, such as London, are moving towards longer and later service
27 hours to ensure connections between communities and employment centers;

28 (5) Transit continues to be a safer alternative to driving, particularly at night when drivers
29 are fatigued and the risk of drunk driving is greatest.

1 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the Metrorail system continue to operate until
2 3am on Friday and Saturday nights and midnight on Sundays. While we recognize the need for
3 additional maintenance time to restore the Metrorail system, the Council believes that late night
4 service on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays is critical to the safe transportation of residents of the
5 District, Maryland, and Virginia.

6 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
7 upon its adoption, to the Mayor and to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

8 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.