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STATEMENT BY MTA CEO JULIAN BURKE

RE: DEATH OF REP. JULIAN DIXON

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Los Angeles has lost a true giant and a friend with the passing of Congressman Julian Dixon. For decades he led the fight in Congress to secure federal funding for mass transit in the region. He had the foresight to realize that Los Angeles needed alternatives to freeways and automobiles if the region were to sustain its economic growth and quality of life in the face of rapid population growth. He championed not only Metro Rail but also the revamping of bus service for MTA and more than a dozen municipal bus operators in Los Angeles County. His perseverance, leadership and vision will be sorely missed.

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