

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1030

By: Martin (Scott), Joyner and  
Luttrell of the House

and

Sparks, Johnson (Constance)  
and Myers of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution urging participation in expanded rail study; urging development of comprehensive rail plan; supporting the State of Kansas, the Kansas Department of Transportation, and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for their participation with the Amtrak feasibility study requested by the Kansas Department of Transportation on February 11, 2008; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the portion of the national passenger rail service (Amtrak) heretofore known as the Heartland Flyer began operating in Oklahoma on June 15, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the present Amtrak route terminates in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, without a northern connection to the Amtrak national network; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation commissioned and received a passenger rail study in March, 2001, as produced by the Carter Burgess Engineering firm which included a route feasibility analysis detailing expansion cost, infrastructure need between Oklahoma City and Newton, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation issued an official request to Amtrak for study of this route segment on February 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation has extended the original Oklahoma Carter Burgess 2001 Oklahoma City - Newton, Kansas, study route to include the rail line between Newton and Kansas City, Missouri, making it a full 602-mile-corridor study between Fort Worth, Texas, and Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, federal matching funding has become available as administered by the Federal Railroad Administration through the Passenger Rail Improvement and Reform Act of 2008 and through the passage of H.R. 2095, the Rail Safety Improvement Act, including the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to jointly participate with the Kansas Department of Transportation in the expanded passenger rail service study as a part of a new passenger rail transportation corridor between the points of Kansas City and Fort Worth, Texas.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive passenger rail plan which can be submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the guidelines of the Passenger Rail Improvement and Reform Act of 2008 as a requirement to procure federal matching funds as administered by the Federal Railroad Administration.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to Governor Brad Henry, to the Governor of Kansas, to the Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation, to the Kansas Secretary of Transportation, to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 11th day of May,  
2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 13th day of May, 2009.

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