

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1026 By: Tyler

A Resolution relating to Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Task Force; requesting Oklahoma Corporation Commission to create the Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Task Force; directing membership; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the resurgence of the railroad industry at both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, efficient rail transportation is critical to Oklahoma businesses and industries competing in national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, increased rail traffic in and through Oklahoma magnifies the importance of effective state government safety policies and procedures for highway rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, such safety policies must provide for essential mobility of the motoring public and facilitate the transportation of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission under Oklahoma law has jurisdiction over highway rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the formation of a Railroad Crossing Safety Task Force to review and develop recommendations for improvements in highway rail crossing safety, including guidelines for opening or consolidating crossings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recommends the Oklahoma Corporation Commission create the Oklahoma Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Task Force.

THAT the Oklahoma Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Task Force represents a cross section of county and local government officials, railroad industry representatives, a highway user representative, a representative of Operation Lifesaver, a representative from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, a representative of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, and a representative from the public at large.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of May,

1997.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives