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A Resolution commending William N. "Bill" Joplin; recognizing his leadership; expressing appreciation and designating him an honorary Oklahoman; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, William N. "Bill" Joplin, Director of Government Affairs for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, recently announced his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Bill Joplin is ending a distinguished forty-year career in the railroad industry, which began in 1959 with the St. Louis-San Francisco "Frisco" Railway Company; and

WHEREAS, Bill Joplin has served as Chair of the Oklahoma Railroad Association, Inc., since November 1992, to the present time; and

WHEREAS, Bill Joplin has consistently provided expert assistance and reliable information to any and all members of the Oklahoma State Senate in a personable and professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends William N. "Bill" Joplin for his long and outstanding service to the people of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes Bill Joplin's effective leadership and friendly spirit.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to Bill Joplin and designates him an "Honorary Oklahoman".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to William N.
"Bill" Joplin, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, and the
Oklahoma Railroad Association, Inc.

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