STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1029

By: Roach and Liotta of the House

and

Fisher and Williams of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to Great Plains Airlines; making certain findings regarding effects of nonstop passenger airline service; requesting approval for arrivals and departures at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; requesting expedited approval from United States Department of Transportation; requesting assistance from Oklahoma Congressional Delegation; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has been without the benefits of nonstop commercial airline passenger service to cities on the east and west coasts for over two decades; and

WHEREAS, Great Plains Airlines, an Oklahoma company, headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is committed to offering nonstop commercial air passenger service to the city of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has the power and authority to provide needed "slots" for scheduled air passenger service at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport consisting of approval for arrival and departure slots; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma would benefit from the ability to offer individuals, business entities, governmental entities and others the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. using the nonstop service provided by Great Plains Airlines; and

WHEREAS, both the State of Oklahoma and the City of Tulsa have expended significant public resources to attract Great Plains Airlines to locate and do business in the State of Oklahoma and to headquarter operations in the City of Tulsa through the enactment of legislation which provided incentives for investment in the business activity conducted by Great Plains Airlines; and

WHEREAS, the state, local and private resources already invested in this project exceed Thirty Million Dollars ($30,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, no other state and local government has made this level of commitment to solve the problem of lack of direct air service to the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for Great Plains Airlines to be able to obtain the required permission from the United States Department of Transportation to have adequate scheduled nonstop passenger service from the State of Oklahoma to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the lack of nonstop air passenger service to cities such as Washington, D.C. has been a significant impediment to economic development for the State of Oklahoma resulting in loss of corporate headquarters, loss of new business opportunities, loss of investment capital, and greater cost of operation for Oklahoma businesses as well as increased costs for local and state government in conducting business at the nation's capital, all of which can be significantly improved by the type of air passenger service proposed by Great Plains Airlines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the United States Department of Transportation grant its consent and permission to Great Plains Airlines for a minimum of twelve (12) slots, representing both aircraft arrivals and departures, at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

THAT the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation take such actions as may be required to facilitate the approval process for Great Plains Airlines to obtain the requested arrival and departure slots.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to officers of Great Plains Airlines, the relevant officials with the United States Department of Transportation and to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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