

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1030

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

and

Sparks of the Senate

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation commissioned
24 and received a passenger rail study in March, 2001, as produced by
the Carter Burgess Engineering firm which included a route

1 feasibility analysis detailing expansion cost, infrastructure need
2 between Oklahoma City and Newton, Kansas; and

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

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

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

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

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

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