

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1030

By: Martin (Scott) and Joyner  
of the House

5 and

6 Sparks of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation commissioned  
and received a passenger rail study in March, 2001, as produced by

1 the Carter Burgess Engineering firm which included a route  
2 feasibility analysis detailing expansion cost, infrastructure need  
3 between Oklahoma City and Newton, Kansas; and

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

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

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

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

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

1            THAT the Oklahoma Legislature fully accepts the findings of the  
2 Amtrak study requested by the Kansas Department of Transportation on  
3 February 11, 2008, as factual and as an accepted guideline for  
4 Oklahoma passenger rail development.

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

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

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