

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1038

By: Collins of the House

5 and

6 Sparks and Sweeden of the  
7 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution in support of 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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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 distributed 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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