

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Mann, Coleman, and Boren of
the Senate

and

Bennett and Luttrell of the
House

7 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the important
8 transportation role of the Heartland Flyer passenger
9 rail service; recognizing the critical need for
10 ongoing financial partnership with the State of
11 Texas; and urging the Texas Legislature to take
12 budget action to allow rail service to continue.

12 WHEREAS, the restoration of passenger service, known as the
13 Heartland Flyer, in 1999 between Fort Worth, Texas, and Oklahoma
14 City, Oklahoma, was a successful outcome of partnership between the
15 State of Oklahoma, the State of Texas, the Oklahoma Congressional
16 delegation, and the Texas Congressional delegation; and

17 WHEREAS, this important transportation link is poised to be
18 expanded with further links terminating in Chicago, Illinois. Many
19 of Oklahoma's state and local leaders, stretching from Ardmore to
20 Ponca City, have worked tirelessly and made strategic investments to
21 position Oklahoma to compete and receive benefit from these
22 opportunities; and

23 WHEREAS, we acknowledge the financial responsibility for this
24 service is state-based and, therefore, jointly carried by the State

1 of Oklahoma and the State of Texas and operated by their respective
2 departments of transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the Texas
4 State Legislature is currently deliberating whether to continue
5 funding its portion of passenger rail operations; and

6 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature respectfully urges its
7 elected counterparts in Texas to continue this over 25-year
8 partnership with the State of Oklahoma by taking action within the
9 Texas budget process timeline to provide their essential portion of
10 resources to allow rail service to remain operational.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
12 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 CONCURRING THEREIN:

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature believes it is important for
15 Oklahomans to benefit from a range of transportation options,
16 including passenger rail.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature believes protecting the
18 anchor rail service is essential to maintain current service, to
19 continue to work to expand ridership, and to seize opportunities to
20 expand rail service north along the booming Interstate 35
21 megalopolis.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the importance
23 of the continued existence of passenger rail in Oklahoma, and
24 understands that once removed, it would be extraordinarily

1 challenging to restore this service and continue to provide an
2 additional transportation option for Oklahomans.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Texas State
4 Legislature to ensure the continuation of the Heartland Flyer by
5 supporting funding for the passenger rail service in its budget
6 process.

7 Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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11 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
12 2025.

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