

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   SENATE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 10

                              By: Mann and Coleman of the  
                              Senate

6   and

7   Bennett and Luttrell of the  
8   House

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

17           WHEREAS, the restoration of passenger service, known as the  
18           Heartland Flyer, in 1999 between Fort Worth, Texas, and Oklahoma  
19           City, Oklahoma, was a successful outcome of partnership between the  
20           State of Oklahoma, the State of Texas, the Oklahoma Congressional  
21           delegation, and the Texas Congressional delegation; and

22           WHEREAS, this important transportation link is poised to be  
23           expanded with further links terminating in Chicago, Illinois. Many  
24           of Oklahoma's state and local leaders, stretching from Ardmore to  
          Ponca City, have worked tirelessly and made strategic investments to

1 position Oklahoma to compete and receive benefit from these  
2 opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, we acknowledge the financial responsibility for this  
4 service is state-based and, therefore, jointly carried by the State  
5 of Oklahoma and the State of Texas and operated by their respective  
6 departments of transportation; and

7 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the Texas  
8 State Legislature is currently deliberating whether to continue  
9 funding its portion of passenger rail operations; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
16 OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature believes protecting the  
22 anchor rail service is essential to maintain current service, to  
23 continue to work to expand ridership, and to seize opportunities to  
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1 expand rail service north along the booming Interstate 35  
2 megalopolis.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the importance  
4 of the continued existence of passenger rail in Oklahoma, and  
5 understands that once removed, it would be extraordinarily  
6 challenging to restore this service and continue to provide an  
7 additional transportation option for Oklahomans.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the Texas State  
9 Legislature to ensure the continuation of the Heartland Flyer by  
10 supporting funding for the passenger rail service in its budget  
11 process.

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