

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1003

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Brewer, Burns, Bush, Caldwell (Chad),
Caldwell (Trey), Conley, Cornwell,
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Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kannady,
Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lepak, Lowe
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Martinez, May, McBride, McCall,
McDugle, McEntire, Miller, Mize,
Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols,
Nollan, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae,
Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Phillips,
Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman,
Ranson, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts
(Eric), Roberts (Sean), Roe,
Rosecrants, Russ, Sims, Smith, Sneed,
Stark, Steagall, Stearman, Sterling,
Stinson, Strom, Talley, Townley,
Turner, Vancuren, Virgin, Waldron,
Walke, Wallace, West (Josh), West
(Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy),
Williams, Wolfley and Worthen of the
House

and

Coleman of the Senate

21 A Concurrent Resolution endorsing and supporting the
22 extension of Amtrak service between Oklahoma City,
23 Oklahoma, and Newton, Kansas; urging support for the
24 inclusion of federal funding for development of
Heartland Flyer Extension; urging support for the
inclusion of federal funding for the maintenance and
development of the Southwest Chief; supporting

1 approval of certain multistate partnership; and
2 directing distribution.

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4 WHEREAS, the Kansas Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz has
5 presented to the 2021 Passenger Rail Coalition that she and Oklahoma
6 Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz have discussed that both states
7 desire that the Heartland Flyer be extended north through Oklahoma
8 and Kansas, yet both states require federal funding to develop the
9 corridor; and

10 WHEREAS, Amtrak presented a proposal for the state of Kansas
11 February 10, 2021, at the 2021 Passenger Rail Coalition Forum to
12 request one hundred percent (100%) federal funding for the Heartland
13 Flyer Extension capital costs, and three (3) to five (5) years of
14 operational costs through reauthorization of the Surface
15 Transportation Act; and

16 WHEREAS, Amtrak has approached the state of Kansas to enter into
17 a multistate operational partnership for an extended Heartland
18 Flyer, with connecting service between Amtrak's Southwest Chief and
19 Texas Eagle; and

20 WHEREAS, Amtrak has received a reauthorization act request from
21 the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission incorporating
22 additional frequencies and a second train over this corridor,
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1 specifically a daytime frequency to operate between Fort Worth,
2 Texas, and Kansas City, Missouri; and

3 WHEREAS, the Kansas Passenger Rail Service Development Plan of
4 2010 includes an option for additional frequencies and a second
5 train, known as Alternative No. 3, to transit the Heartland Flyer
6 and Southwest Chief corridors; and

7 WHEREAS, a concomitant improvement of ridership and financial
8 performance would be realized by an extension and second frequency
9 of the Heartland Flyer; and

10 WHEREAS, the Amtrak Southwest Chief and Sunset Limited routes
11 would realize a dramatic increase in ridership and financial
12 performance resulting from a two-frequency Heartland Flyer
13 connection with hubs in Newton, Kansas, and Fort Worth, Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, ridership on the Heartland Flyer Extension from
15 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Newton, Kansas, is anticipated to double
16 when connected with the Southwest Chief in Newton, Kansas. Fully
17 funded maintenance of the Southwest Chief is an integral and vital
18 component of the Heartland Flyer Extension; and

19 WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation identifies
20 passenger rail development in its State Rail Plan.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1 THAT the Senate and House of Representatives support and
2 endorse the extension of Amtrak service between Oklahoma City,
3 Oklahoma, and Newton, Kansas.

4 THAT the Senate and House of Representatives urge the Oklahoma
5 Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of federal funding
6 for the full implementation and development of the Heartland Flyer
7 Extension from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Newton, Kansas, including
8 a second frequency directly connecting Kansas City, Missouri, with
9 Fort Worth, Texas, in the upcoming reauthorization of the Surface
10 Transportation Act.

11 THAT the Senate and House of Representatives urge the Oklahoma
12 Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of full federal
13 funding for the maintenance and future development of the Southwest
14 Chief in the upcoming reauthorization.

15 THAT the House of Representatives and Senate approve a
16 multistate partnership between Amtrak and the states through which
17 the service will operate.

18 THAT enrolled copies of this resolution be presented and
19 distributed to the Governor of Oklahoma, Governor of Kansas, the
20 Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the
21 Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation, each member of
22 the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, Secretary of the United
23 States Department of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and all
24 cosponsors of this resolution.

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate