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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 ASKING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE
9 CONTINUATION OF AMTRAK_S SERVICE FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN
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17 WHEREAS, Amtrak is energy efficient and environmentally beneficial,
18 consuming about half as much energy per passenger mile as airlines and
19 causing less air pollution;

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21 WHEREAS, Amtrak provides mobility to citizens of many smaller
22 communities, as well as senior citizens, disabled people, students, persons
23 with medical conditions preventing them from flying, who need trains as a
24 travel option;

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26 WHEREAS, Amtrak is one of the safer modes of passenger travel;

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28 WHEREAS, Amtrak travel nationally rose 48 percent from 1982 to 1993 and
29 Amtrak dramatically improved coverage of its operating costs from revenues;

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31 WHEREAS, expansion of Amtrak by using existing rail lines is a cost-
32 effective means of providing additional service;

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34 WHEREAS, federal investment in Amtrak has fallen in the last decade;

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WHEREAS, Amtrak is an essential element of the national passenger transportation system by providing a viable alternative form of transportation.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Arkansas General Assembly respectfully request President Clinton and the United States Congress to include the Amtrak system in any plans for a national transportation system and to assure that adequate funding for the continuation of Amtrak service to the various states be made available from sources other than the Highway Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution that a copy hereof be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House to President Bill Clinton and each member of Arkansas_ Congressional Delegation.

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