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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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24 WHEREAS, the Amtrak service through Arkansas, the "Texas Eagle", is a vital alternative form of transportation for many of our  
25 citizens; and

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27 WHEREAS, Amtrak's one line that runs through Arkansas has one of the highest rates of ridership gain among the nation's long-  
28 distance passenger trains; and

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30 WHEREAS, it has been reported in the press that for the last quarter the tri-weekly Chicago/San Antonio train carried 27,545  
31 passengers, up 18.3% from 23,290 at the same time in 1995; and

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33 WHEREAS, the "Texas Eagle's" 14.7% jump in ridership in December, 1996 was topped only by a 17.1% gain for Amtrak's  
34 "California Zephyr" which makes daily runs from Chicago to the west coast; and

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36 WHEREAS, the "Eagle" currently stops in Arkansas at Walnut Ridge, Little Rock, Malvern, Arkadelphia, and Texarkana; and

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*WHEREAS, the use of Amtrak as an alternative to highway transportation not only saves wear and tear on Arkansas infrastructure but it also is less damaging to our environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has the power to ensure that the route of the "Texas Eagle" continues;*

*NOW THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*

*That Arkansas Congressional Delegation is hereby requested to exercise the full power of their office to not only ensure that the Amtrak service through Arkansas is maintained but that the service also be enhanced to provide the citizens not only of this state but of the region, to full access to rail passenger transportation.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That upon adoption of this resolution that the Chief Clerk of the House transmit a copy hereof to each member of Arkansas Congressional Delegation.*