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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to provide necessary funding to continue the operation of Amtrak.

WHEREAS, a national intermodal passenger transportation system is key to meeting the ever-increasing transportation demands of the nation, and

WHEREAS, intercity rail passenger service is an essential component of a national intermodal passenger transportation system, and

WHEREAS, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) provides a quality transportation product in the form of clean, comfortable, and on-time service, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has already been forced to significantly cut back its rail passenger system as a result of cash shortages, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is committed to operating in a businesslike manner in order to adjust quickly to meet demand and changing customer needs, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's management and employees are dedicated to providing the high-quality service that Amtrak's customers deserve, and

WHEREAS, additional capital investment is needed to acquire the modern equipment and efficient facilities that are essential to satisfy the demand for superior intercity rail passenger service and to provide the world-class service American rail passengers deserve, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's management is committed to ensuring that all capital investment by the Federal Government and

1 state governments is used effectively to improve the quality
2 of service and the long-term financial health of Amtrak, and

3 WHEREAS, Amtrak's management and its employees are
4 dedicated to using the collective bargaining process to reach
5 equitable agreements that provide a sound basis for improved
6 customer service and that contribute to the long-term
7 viability of the corporation, and

8 WHEREAS, states, local governments, and private parties
9 continue to support intercity rail passenger service as an
10 essential component of the intermodal transportation network
11 in their states, and

12 WHEREAS, Amtrak provides excellent service to its
13 customers, is using its federal investment wisely and
14 efficiently, and is making significant and measurable progress
15 in improving the financial performance of intercity rail
16 passenger service, NOW, THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
21 provide increased federal funds to meet Amtrak's current needs
22 and future challenges to continue as the nation's premier
23 intercity rail passenger service.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 sent to the President of the United States, the President of
26 the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
27 House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida
28 delegation to the United States Congress.

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