

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1012

By: Kerbs

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Concurrent Resolution encouraging and supporting  
10                   the expansion of rail line from Shawnee to McAlester;  
11                   recognizing expansion's potential for continued  
12                   economic prosperity for Oklahoma.

13                   WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature desires to support any efforts  
14                   to improve the economic prosperity of Oklahomans across the state  
15                   and make Oklahoma a top-ten state in economic growth and prosperity;  
16                   and

17                   WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of  
18                   expanded rail service from central Oklahoma to southeastern Oklahoma  
19                   for the increased economic growth of Oklahoma; and

20                   WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature understands that expanded rail  
21                   service from central Oklahoma to southeastern Oklahoma will reduce  
22                   the wear and tear on Oklahoma's highway system; and

23                   WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature understands that expanded rail  
24                   service from central Oklahoma to southeastern Oklahoma will support

1 the safety and security of the United States by providing critical  
2 transportation infrastructure and necessary transportation  
3 redundancy for the United States military installations at Tinker  
4 Air Force Base in Midwest City, OK, Fort Sill Army Base in Lawton,  
5 OK, and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant near McAlester, OK; and

6 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature is supportive of all tribal  
7 entities in the State of Oklahoma and furthermore the Oklahoma  
8 Legislature understands that expanded rail service from central  
9 Oklahoma to southeastern Oklahoma will economically benefit any and  
10 all tribal entities through which the expanded rail service runs;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the role the  
13 Oklahoma Department of Transportation plays in ensuring that  
14 expanded rail service is an integral part of Oklahoma's economic  
15 future.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports any and all efforts by  
20 federal, state, local and tribal entities to expand rail service  
21 along the current Union Pacific rail line from mile marker 448.90 in  
22 Shawnee, OK, to mile marker 364.96 in McAlester, OK.

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24 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.