



**RESOLUTION**  
**Supporting HB 3747: the Texas Rail Relocation**  
**And Improvement Fund**

**WHEREAS, the Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund was created by voters in 2005, and**

**WHEREAS, TxDOT has identified \$17.4 billion in freight rail projects that are critically needed, including more than \$3 billion for relocation and upgrade of rail lines in the Austin-San Antonio corridor, and**

**WHEREAS, the \$200 million appropriated annually to the fund could result in a total funding capacity of \$2 billion in the next decade, and**

**WHEREAS, freight traffic through the Austin-San Antonio Corridor has doubled since the passage of NAFTA, and**

**WHEREAS, the population of the Austin-San Antonio Corridor has doubled over the last 20 years and is expected to double again in the next 20 years, and**

**WHEREAS, improvements to our rail system could increase mobility, improve our environment, encourage economic development, increase the speed and efficiency of freight and passenger trains:**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Association of Railroad Passengers supports the passage of HB 3747 regarding the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Texas Association of Railroad Passengers respectfully requests that the State Legislature and the Governor of Texas appropriate \$200 million annually to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund during the 2007 session, and subsequent sessions of the State Legislature.**

**Adopted, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2007, by the Texas Association of Railroad Passengers.**

**Henry C. Wulff, President**  
**Texas Association of Railroad Passengers**