

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to explore the
2 formation of an interstate compact with Indiana and Illinois to seek restoration of
3 passenger rail service between Louisville and Chicago.

4 WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law HR 3684,
5 the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provided increased funding for the
6 infrastructure needs of our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, under one of the provisions of this new law, Amtrak will receive an
8 additional \$66 billion for funding an expansion of the Amtrak National Passenger
9 Network; and

10 WHEREAS, the planned expansion for the Network includes restoration of
11 passenger rail service between Louisville, Kentucky; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Chicago,
12 Illinois, which was discontinued in 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, the availability of funding for expanded passenger rail service is
14 competitive between states and groups of states which have formed interstate compacts to
15 promote such service; and

16 WHEREAS, increasing prices for petroleum has made rail transportation more
17 attractive to those wishing or having a need to travel; and

18 WHEREAS, it is imperative that Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois work together to
19 attempt to secure the funding necessary to reestablish passenger rail service to the
20 Louisville – Chicago corridor;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
23 ***Kentucky:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Senate urges the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to form an
25 interstate compact with the states of Indiana and Illinois to seek restoration of passenger
26 rail service between Louisville, Kentucky, and Chicago, Illinois.

27 ➔Section 2. The Senate also urges the Transportation Cabinet to amend the state's

1 rail plan to include planning for the reestablishment of passenger rail service from
2 Louisville to Chicago, with proposed expansion to Nashville, Tennessee.

3 ➔Section 3. The Senate also urges the Transportation Cabinet to seek whatever
4 federal funding is available to aid in reestablishment of passenger rail service, with the
5 possibility of expansion through Kentucky from Louisville to Nashville.

6 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
7 Secretary Jim Gray, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort,
8 Kentucky 40622.