

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING TENNESSEE'S FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SPONSOR A GRANT FOR BUILDING A MODEL 21ST CENTURY RAIL STEET INTERSTATE SERVICE IN THE I-81 CORRIDOR TO DEMONSTRATE FAST RAIL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICE POTENTIAL TO THE NATION

WHEREAS, Europe approaches numerous 21st Century "Steel Interstate" rail service concepts, no rail service in the United States offers this promise, exposing our nation to greater risk form petroleum depletion, cost increases, supply interruptions and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate rail provides reduced dependence on imported fuel, builds model redundancy, enhances national security, and – when electrified – offers the U.S. opportunity to employ domestice renewable energy sources and efficiency to drive transportation; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate rail demonstrates vastly greater transportation throughput productivity over equivalent investment in costly interstate highway expansion; and

WHEREAS, Steel Interstate technology offers positive advantages for communities, Tennessee, other I-81 states, and the United States relating to cost, safety, economic growth, tourism development, decreased fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality and public health, varied freight and passenger service options, reduced financing and carbon cap and trade risk exposure; and

WHEREAS, forty-nine Virginia and four Tennessee governing bodies have previously voted support for improved rail service over massive widening of I-81; and

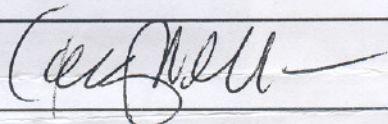
WHEREAS, no passenger rail and limited public bus service exists in this Corridor south of Staunton/Clifton Forge, west of Charlotte/Winston-Salem, or north of Atlanta/Birmingham, deptsite efforts by dozens of local governing bodies and private groups to restore passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering investments in transportation, energy efficiency, fuel conservaton, renewable energy, greenhouse gas abatement, and infrastructure as fiscal stimulus for the nation, and the Steel Interstate offers outstanding opportunity in all these areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Jonesborough, Tennessee, hereby petitions our congressional delegation to work in concert with repsentatives of other I-81 Corridor states to sponsor and secure passage of a Federal transportation demonstration grant to assemble in the I-81Corridor between Knoxville, Tennessee and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the pilot segment of 21st Century rail, the North American Steel Interstate System.

Motion was made by Alderman Gearhart and duly seconded by Alderamn Countermine that this Resolution be adopted. Those voting for adoption of this Resolution were: Alderman Gearhart, Alderman Countermine Alderamn Fitzgerald, Alderman Vest

Those voting against: _____



KELLY WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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