

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

2 BY GRONSTAL

3 A Resolution declaring support for Amtrak.

4 WHEREAS, Amtrak, the national railroad passenger
5 corporation providing national railroad passenger
6 service, is energy efficient and environmentally
7 beneficial; and

8 WHEREAS, Amtrak provides mobility to citizens of
9 many smaller communities not well served by air and
10 bus services and to those persons with medical
11 conditions which prevent them from traveling by air;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, according to Amtrak, Amtrak ridership in
14 Iowa has increased from 47,442 in 2003 to 54,365 in
15 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, according to Amtrak, during 2004, Amtrak
17 carried over 25 million passengers nationwide,
18 representing an increase of over 4.3 percent compared
19 to 2003; and

20 WHEREAS, in service to those 25 million passengers,
21 Amtrak serves over 500 stations in 46 states on 22,000
22 miles of track with approximately 20,000 employees,
23 contributing strongly to local and regional economies;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Amtrak 2004 budget represented only 2
26 percent of the United States Department of
27 Transportation's \$59 billion budget, compared to the
28 balance for highway and airline subsidies; NOW
29 THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE, That the President of the

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1 United States and the Congress are urged to do the
2 following:

- 3 1. Maintain a strong level of Amtrak funding; and
- 4 2. Include a strong Amtrak system in all plans for
5 the national transportation system; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
7 resolution be sent to the President of the United
8 States, the President of the United States Senate, the
9 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
10 and members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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