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Senate Resolution 14-11

Support for the Texas Central Railway

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Whereas: The Sam Houston State University Student Government Association acts as “The Official Voice of The Student Body”; and

Whereas: Creation of the Texas Central Railway will distinguish the State of Texas as a leader in the development of mass transit infrastructures in the United States; and

Whereas: Capitalist economies and beliefs demand competition in a market in order to survive, thrive, and innovate; and

Whereas: Student mobility is vital to a successful academic career and college experience, and the Sam Houston State University Student Government Association is committed to supporting and providing student accessibility to and from campus; and

Whereas: The demand of Houston and Dallas commuting students to Sam Houston State University has increased substantially in the recent years; and

Whereas: Many out of state and international students travel to and from Sam Houston State University would have a greater proclivity to use public transportation; and

Whereas: Sam Houston State University ought to support efforts to increase the number of students involved in study abroad and international internships directly related to their field of study; and

Whereas: The Texas Central Railway, offers Sam Houston State University the opportunity to continue national leadership in bringing students from around the world to study on its campus; and

Whereas: The Sam Houston State University Student Government Association values accessibility; as measured by every student’s ability to participate in programs; and

Whereas: Convenient transportation is a major factor in quality of life, thus solidifying the importance of public transit infrastructure development and ought be a vital element in the University and State's business development strategy; and

Whereas: High speed rail is the safest method of travel among all other transportation options and recent studies show a declining interest in auto transportation; and more interest in using commute time for electronic devices and/or productive work; therefore

Be it resolved: That the Student Government Association of Sam Houston State University strongly recommend and call for the consideration and support of local, state, and federal efforts in the creation of the Texas Central Railway and other programs like it; and

Be it finally resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to President Dana Hoyt, Dean of Students John Yarabeck, The Houstonian, and Channel 7 News, Mayor Mac Woodward, Huntsville Texas Chamber of Commerce, Texas Central Chairman and CEO Richard Lawless, Texas Central President Robert Eckels, Texas Central Government Relations Travis Kelly, Texas Central Outreach Coordinator Rebecca Cowle, Director of Development at national Association of Railroad passengers Logan McLeod, Federal Railroad Administration Administrator Joseph C. Szabo .

Signed,

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