

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1811

A RESOLUTION supporting an air transportation master plan that transforms the state transportation infrastructure into a catalyst for global business and tourism expansion.

WHEREAS, Fair Fare\$ strategies brought to the citizens of Kansas AirTran Airways, the Great Lakes/Frontier codeshare and Allegiant Air, plus affordable fares, more responsive service and a rapidly growing passenger base; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Fare\$ Plan for Kansas Air Service (Plan) stabilizes and expands the low-cost advantage at Mid-Continent Airport and extends Fair Fare\$ benefits to communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, The Plan optimizes Kansas' airfield utilization and the contributions from those airfields to the Kansas economy and to Kansans' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Plan developed Mid-Continent Airport, the state's largest commercial airfield, into a small hub with nonstop service to the Kansas top 20 markets, low-fare competition to all of the Kansas top 50 markets and low-cost competition maintained by AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, Allegiant Air and eventually Southwest Airlines; and

WHEREAS, The Plan would extend this low-cost, high service environment to communities across Kansas through realigned commuter air service, enhanced ground transportation infrastructure and collaborative market development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Plan would expand the Fair Fare\$ alliance of organizations in support of Fair Fare\$ to include representation by the governor, lieutenant governor, state legislature, federal officials representing Kansas, and community, business and economic development leaders across the market area: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate joins in partnership with the City of Wichita in promoting our state's air transportation infrastructure to position Kansas companies as global contenders for economic development and tourist opportunities; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Donovan plus one copy each to Senators Jordan, Kerr and Schodorf.

Senate Resolution No. 1811 was sponsored by Senators Donovan, Betts, Brownlee, Buhler, Clark, Corbin, Downey, Emler, Goodwin, Jordan, Journey, Lee, Lyon, Oleen, Pugh, Salmans, Schmidt, Schodorf, Teichman, Tyson, Umbarger and Wagle.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*