



**Resolution of Support for the High-Speed Passenger Rail System Between Houston and North Texas**

**WHEREAS**, the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1974 to serve the greater northwest area of Harris County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber is committed to the economic health of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the bullet train will connect Houston and North Texas with a stop in the Brazos Valley in under 90 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is being developed by a Texan-led, Texas-based private company employing a market-led approach to mass infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will create an estimated 40,000 jobs over the four-year peak construction period, plus 1,000 permanent highly skilled jobs to support the railroad's operations when it is in full service; and

**WHEREAS**, the technology being deployed is the world's safest high-speed rail technology – the N700-I total bullet system, which boasts a flawless 50-year safety history in Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, the high-speed rail system will help take cars off congested Texas roads; and

**WHEREAS**, taxing entities along the proposed route would receive an estimated \$2.5 billion in property and sales taxes over 25 years because of the new infrastructure, including passenger stations in Houston, Dallas and the Brazos Valley station in Grimes County; and

**WHEREAS**, a strong transportation infrastructure is vital to the economic future of Houston and the state of Texas;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the privately-funded development of the Houston to North Texas high-speed rail project for both mobility and economic development.

Adopted, this 27th day of July, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce.

**Acknowledged and Agreed:**

Handwritten signature of Nancy Blackwell in blue ink.

Handwritten signature of Barbara Thompson in blue ink.

Chairman of the Board

President