



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

January 31, 1995 - Introduced by Senators RUDE, PETAK, C. POTTER, COWLES, DARLING, PLEWA, LEEAN, ANDREA, CHVALA, HUELSMAN, JAUCH, BRESKE, CLAUSING, ROSENZWEIG, GEORGE and BURKE, cosponsored by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, R. YOUNG, PORTER, HOVEN, URBAN, WIRCH, TURNER, KRUSICK, SILBAUGH, OURADA, GROBSCHMIDT, WASSERMAN, HASENOHRL, RUTKOWSKI, ZIEGELBAUER, ROBSON, LADWIG, BALDWIN, AINSWORTH, HAHN, DOBYNS, PLACHE, MUSSER, OTT, R. POTTER, GUNDERSON and KRUG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to strengthen Amtrak.

2 Whereas, Amtrak is currently facing a \$200 million deficit and as a result has
3 proposed reducing its service nationwide by 21% by April 1; and

4 Whereas, one of the reductions that has been proposed is eliminating the 6 daily
5 commuter runs between Chicago and Milwaukee, which is a route taken by nearly
6 453,000 riders per year; and

7 Whereas, Governor Tommy Thompson, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and
8 all of the members of the state's congressional delegation are strongly opposed to the
9 proposed reduction, which would eliminate 86% of Wisconsin's rail passenger
10 service; and

11 Whereas, Amtrak is energy efficient and environmentally beneficial,
12 consuming about half the energy per passenger-mile as airlines and causing less
13 pollution; and

14 Whereas, Amtrak provides mobility to citizens of many smaller communities
15 that are poorly served by air and bus services, as well as to those senior citizens,
16 disabled people, students and persons with medical conditions that prevent them
17 from flying and who need trains as a travel option; and

