

R-90-84

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE NATIONAL
RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION TO RESTORE PASSENGER
RAILROAD SERVICE BETWEEN TAMPA, SARASOTA AND VENICE, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, a large portion of our local residents feel that railroad passenger service is a vitally needed service in our area; and

WHEREAS, this effort has been endorsed by Boards of County Commissioners from Manatee to Collier counties, as well as cities from Bradenton to Naples, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a Federal Grant was given to study commuter train service between Tampa and Fort Myers, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation be urgently requested to extend certain train service, specifically trains numbered 81 and 82, the Silver Star, to Venice, Florida.

2. Money which AMTRAK is planning to spend to restore railroad passenger service to Tallahassee and Pensacola, Florida, and to the State of Oklahoma, instead be used to reinstate railroad passenger service between Tampa, Sarasota and Venice, Florida, including the running of a test train from Tampa to Venice, Florida.

3. A copy of this Resolution be sent to Senators Connie Mack and Bob Graham, Representative Andy Ireland and the Local Legislative Delegation.

4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 1st day of May, 1990.

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Eileen G. French
D.C.

By: Harvick M. Glass
Chairman