

SOUTHERN BRANCH OF PACIFIC RAILROAD.

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
CONVENTION OF TEXAS,

IN FAVOR OF

A southern branch of the Pacific railroad.

APRIL 18, 1866.—Referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the State of Texas possesses an area of one hundred and seventy-five million five hundred and ninety-four thousand acres of land, (very little of which is not adapted to agricultural or pasturage purposes,) through which her enterprising citizens have in contemplation a network of railroads, four hundred and sixty miles being now in running order, one of which roads commences at the eastern boundary of the State, running west to Houston, and there connecting with others extending to Galveston, to Columbia, on the Brazos, to the river Colorado, at Columbus, to Brenham, and on the line known as the Central railroad, extending to the distance of one hundred and forty miles from the port of Galveston, none of which railroads have any present connexion with those of other States.

Whereas the convention of Texas, now assembled at Austin, has assurances that there is now in course of construction, from St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, the Southwest Branch railroad to the Indian territory; also, that the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Port Gibson railroad is being built south to the north line of the Indian Territory, connecting with the Union Pacific railroad.

And whereas we regard the construction of a railroad from the north to the south line of the Indian territory, connecting with these and Texas railroads and navigable streams of the south, not only as entirely practical but imperative in developing the vast resources of the territory embraced in this system of roads, and as an important means of bringing into intimate, harmonious, and advantageous relations the people of the section embracing these roads, not only with each other, but with those of the remainder of the United States: Therefore,

Resolved, That the convention of the State of Texas respectfully recommend to the Congress of the United States to adopt such measures as that honorable body may deem expedient to cause a south branch to the Union Pacific railroad to be immediately constructed through the Indian territory, in the same manner in which the Union Pacific road is now being built.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be immediately transmitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

WM. M. TAYLOR,
President pro tem.

I certify that the above resolutions passed the convention of the people of Texas on the 21st of March, 1866.

LEIGH CHALMERS,
Secretary of the Convention.

STATE DEPARTMENT,
Austin, Texas, March 28, 1866.

I, James H. Bell; secretary of state of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the State convention now in session at the State capital, as the same is on file in this department.

[SEAL.] In testimony whereof, I hereto sign my name and affix the seal of state the day and date above written.

JAMES H. BELL,
Secretary of State.