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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is the rail capital of the  
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The Union Pacific Railroad has more than 2,300  
5 miles of track in the State, traversing hundreds of  
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Union Pacific maintains rail yards throughout the  
8 State located in the cities of Chicago, Bellwood, Berkeley,  
9 Melrose Park, Northlake, Dolton, Chicago Heights, Rochelle,  
10 West Chicago, Dupo, and Salem; and

11 WHEREAS, Union Pacific's Commuter Operations Service Unit  
12 provides rail service to more than 105,000 commuters daily on  
13 the Union Pacific Metra North, Northwest, and West Lines, and  
14 operates more trains for Metra than any other carrier in the  
15 Chicagoland area; and

16 WHEREAS, Union Pacific has invested more than \$1 billion in  
17 Illinois since 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, Union Pacific has more than 4,000 employees in the  
19 State with an annual payroll of \$344.7 million; and

1           WHEREAS, Union Pacific partners with the State of Illinois  
2 on a number of public private partnerships, such as the CREATE  
3 Program, UP Metra West Line Improvement Project, and the  
4 Illinois High Speed Rail Project; and

5           WHEREAS, Nothing is more important to the nation's  
6 passenger and freight railroads than safety; and

7           WHEREAS, Union Pacific's commitment to safety is reflected  
8 in Federal Railroad Administration statistics which find that  
9 from 1980 to 2013, train accident rates fell by 79%, employee  
10 injury rates fell by 84%, and grade crossing collision rates  
11 fell by 81%; and

12           WHEREAS, Union Pacific's focus on safety extends far beyond  
13 the railroad's 44,000 employees and 32,000 mile rail network;  
14 it also includes the communities where trains operate; and

15           WHEREAS, 2016 marks the second consecutive year Union  
16 Pacific was the top-performing railroad in employee safety; and

17           WHEREAS, Union Pacific's Commuter Operations Service Unit  
18 was recently awarded the "Union Pacific Safety Bell", which  
19 recognizes the safest service unit, Union Pacific's 23-state  
20 network; and

1           WHEREAS, Union Pacific is one of the safest railroads in  
2 the country and has achieved its best annual employee safety  
3 performance in the company's 154-year history; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate the Union Pacific Railroad on its exemplary safety  
7 record, its achievements, and its focus on communities; and be  
8 it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the Union Pacific Railroad as a symbol of our  
11 respect and esteem.