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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On May 16, 2017, Amtrak conductor and
3 SMART-Transportation Division member Michael Case was shot by a
4 passenger while performing his official duties at the
5 Naperville Amtrak station; and

6 WHEREAS, While Michael Case is on a positive road to
7 recovery, he spent 10 weeks in the hospital and endured
8 numerous extensive surgeries; and

9 WHEREAS, This incident is one of 73 recorded assaults on
10 Amtrak crewmembers since 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, While this most extreme example of violence is
12 rare, we know passenger rail workers are increasingly facing
13 other forms of violence and abuse; and

14 WHEREAS, There are no national standards for preventing
15 assaults on passenger and commuter rail workers, despite the
16 increase in assaults across the country; and

17 WHEREAS, Given the interstate nature of passenger rail and
18 related concerns with transportation security, strong federal
19 protections may be appropriate; and

1 WHEREAS, On the one-year anniversary of Michael Case's
2 shooting, Illinois U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth, along with
3 U.S. Senator John Hoeven, have introduced in the U.S. Senate,
4 the Passenger Rail Crew Protection Act; and

5 WHEREAS, This legislation would simply provide the same
6 federal protections for passenger rail crewmembers that
7 airline crewmembers currently have, so that any assault or
8 intimidation of a rail crewmember would be handled under
9 federal law; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the introduction and passage
13 of the Passenger Rail Crew Protection Act; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin, all
16 members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and Amtrak
17 conductor and SMART-TD member Michael Case.