



HR0689

LRB101 19807 MST 69319 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Paul Piekarski on the
4 occasion of his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul Piekarski joined the Chicago and North
6 Western Transportation Company in 1973; he worked as a clerk
7 and brakeman and was then promoted to locomotive engineer in
8 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul Piekarski became a member of the Brotherhood
10 of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) in 1974; he became
11 president of BLET Division 683 in 1989 and worked through the
12 ranks of BLET's state legislative board to become chairman in
13 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2014, Paul Piekarski was elected as a National
15 Alternate Legislative Vice President for BLET; in 2017, he was
16 elected chair of the National Association of State Legislative
17 Board Chairmen; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2019, Paul Piekarski successfully worked for
19 the passage of legislation in the Illinois General Assembly
20 requiring a two person crew in locomotives; and

1 WHEREAS, Paul Piekarski has tirelessly supported and
2 fought for labor and rail safety on the local, State, and
3 federal levels; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Paul Piekarski on his retirement, and we wish
7 him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Paul Piekarski as a symbol of our respect and
10 esteem.