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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Wes Lujan on the occasion
4 of being promoted to the position of Vice President of Public
5 Affairs for the Western Region of the Union Pacific Railroad;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Wes Lujan earned his Bachelor of Arts in History
8 with Honors from Chicago State University in 1997 and his
9 Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern
10 California in 1999; he completed the University of Chicago's
11 Executive Development Program in 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, Wes Lujan has continuously served as a legislative
13 advocate in multiple states since 1999; prior to his promotion,
14 he served as the Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs for
15 the Union Pacific Railroad in Illinois, Wisconsin, and
16 Minnesota, where he has represented America's largest class one
17 freight railroad before legislatures and communities in the
18 upper Midwest; he previously served as Union Pacific's Director
19 of Public Affairs in Northern California and Nevada and was the
20 Director of Public Affairs in Illinois from 2010 to 2012; he
21 also serves as the principal liaison for the Metra Commuter
22 Railroad in Chicago; and

1 WHEREAS, Prior to his work for the Union Pacific, Wes Lujan
2 served as a contract lobbyist at Advocation, Inc., where he
3 represented numerous local governments, developers, Blue Chip
4 corporations, and various transportation companies before the
5 California State Legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, Wes Lujan has served as the Chairman of the
7 Illinois Railroad Association and was a member of the Illinois
8 State Chamber Board of Directors; he was a member of the
9 Chicago Cook Workforce Investment Board, the Chicago
10 Metropolitan Agency for Planning Policy Committee, the
11 Illinois Freight Advisory Council, and the Minnesota Regional
12 Railroads Association; he was also a member of the Abraham
13 Lincoln National Heritage Coalition Board of Directors; and

14 WHEREAS, Wes Lujan quickly became a valued and well-liked
15 member of the advocacy corps on the rail in Springfield and all
16 across Illinois; his calm and respectful demeanor will be
17 missed and hard to replace; and

18 WHEREAS, Wes Lujan was named an inaugural member of the "40
19 Under 40" list of young professionals by the Sacramento
20 Business Journal in 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, In his free time, Wes Lujan enjoys spending time
22 with his wife, Jenn, his son, Caleb, his daughter, Molly, and

1 his 2 Great Danes; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Wes Lujan on the occasion of being promoted to the
5 position of Vice President of Public Affairs for the Western
6 Region of the Union Pacific Railroad and wish him continued
7 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

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