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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to lessen the illegal acquisition of  
4 firearms in the State; and

5 WHEREAS, Many criminals obtain firearms illegally through  
6 theft from freight rail cars; and

7 WHEREAS, We wish to decrease the amount of firearms  
8 illegally acquired through freight theft; and

9 WHEREAS, Illinois is statistically in the top ten states  
10 for freight theft nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, There were 2,987 shooting victims in the City of  
12 Chicago in 2015; someone in Chicago was shot at a rate of one  
13 every 2.93 hours in 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, Nearly 200,000 guns are reported stolen, lost, or  
15 missing in the United States every year; and

16 WHEREAS, Freight logistics security organizations recorded  
17 754 cargo thefts throughout the United States in 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, The safety and security of our communities should

1 be at the forefront of legislative measures; 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 urge Congress to strengthen national freight laws for cars  
5 carrying firearms across state lines or pass a law prohibiting  
6 the transport of firearms by rail freight car; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
9 delivered to the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
10 Firearms, and Explosives and the members of the Illinois  
11 congressional delegation.