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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Union Pacific  
4 Railroad on the 150th anniversary of the railroad in 2012; and

5           WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific  
6 Railway Act of July 1, 1862, creating the original Union  
7 Pacific; and

8           WHEREAS, Union Pacific is the largest railroad in the Rail  
9 Capital of Chicago; the Proviso Rail Yard is located in  
10 Northlake, Bellwood, Berkeley, and Melrose Park and is one of  
11 the largest rail yards in the company's system; 25% of all of  
12 the rail traffic on the Union Pacific travels through the  
13 Chicago Rail Terminal; and

14           WHEREAS, Union Pacific has rail yards throughout the State  
15 of Illinois located in Dolton, Chicago Heights, Rochelle, West  
16 Chicago, Dupo, and Salem, and has 2,201 miles of track  
17 traversing hundreds of communities; and

18           WHEREAS, Union Pacific serves 115,000 commuters daily on  
19 the Union Pacific Metra North, Northwest, and West Lines, and  
20 operates more trains for Metra than any other carrier in the  
21 Chicagoland area; and

1           WHEREAS, Today, Union Pacific Railroad is the principal  
2           operating company of Union Pacific Corporation, linking 23  
3           states in the western two-thirds of the country by rail and  
4           providing freight solutions and logistics expertise to the  
5           global supply chain; and

6           WHEREAS, Major commodities transported by Union Pacific  
7           include corn, soybeans, automobile parts, completed  
8           automobiles, and general merchandise; particularly important  
9           to the company is the coal mining industry in southern  
10          Illinois; and

11          WHEREAS, Union Pacific's capital investment in Illinois  
12          was more than \$470 million over the last 2 years; in 2010,  
13          Union Pacific had 4,035 employees in Illinois with an annual  
14          payroll of \$327.3 million; and

15          WHEREAS, Union Pacific, during the height of the Great  
16          Recession in 2009, spent \$370 million to construct the Joliet  
17          Intermodal Terminal, creating thousands of transportation and  
18          construction jobs to compliment their other 6 intermodal  
19          container terminals throughout the State that collectively  
20          lift 1.3 million containers annually; and

21          WHEREAS, Union Pacific partners with the State of Illinois,

1 the City of Chicago, and Metra in a number of public private  
2 partnerships, such as the CREATE Program, UP Metra West Line  
3 Improvement Project, and the Illinois High Speed Rail Project;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Union Pacific provided more than \$675,000 to  
6 charitable organizations in the State; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Union Pacific Railroad on its 150th  
10 anniversary; and be it further

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