

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors
3 Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort
4 by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives
5 in the 106th Congress, including 19 of the 20 Illinois
6 members of the United States House of Representatives; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 80 United States Senators, including
8 both Illinois Senator Richard Durbin and Illinois Senator
9 Peter Fitzgerald, signed letters of support for this
10 legislation in 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, The bill, now before the 107th Congress,
12 modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000
13 beneficiaries nationwide, including nearly 50,000 in
14 Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Railroad management, labor, and retiree
16 organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

17 WHEREAS, This legislation provides tax relief to freight
18 railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

19 WHEREAS, This legislation provides benefit improvements
20 for surviving spouses of rail workers who currently suffer
21 deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

22 WHEREAS, No outside contributions from taxpayers are
23 needed to implement the changes called for in this
24 legislation; and

25 WHEREAS, All changes will be paid for from within the
26 railroad industry, including a full share by active
27 employees; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
30 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly urges the

1 United States Congress to support the Railroad Retirement and
2 Survivors Improvement Act in the 107th Congress; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
5 the President of the United States, the President of the
6 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
7 of Representatives, and all members of the Illinois
8 congressional delegation.