

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 25, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Juniata Locomotive Shop of Altoona,
2 Pennsylvania, for achieving a safety record of working 1
3 million man-hours without a reportable injury.

4 WHEREAS, The Juniata Locomotive Shop, located in Altoona,
5 Pennsylvania, employs a total of 950 employees, comprised of 50
6 supervisors and 900 craft workers represented by eight different
7 labor unions; and

8 WHEREAS, The Juniata Locomotive Shop's annual payroll exceeds
9 \$45 million; and

10 WHEREAS, Locomotives have been manufactured and repaired in
11 Altoona since the 1850s for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Penn
12 Central, Conrail and Norfolk Southern; and

13 WHEREAS, The current shop complex was constructed in 1888,
14 and has subsequently gone through several significant upgrades

1 and modifications; and

2 WHEREAS, The Juniata Locomotive Shop is one of the premier
3 diesel locomotive repair facilities in North America; and

4 WHEREAS, The Juniata Locomotive Shop serves as Norfolk
5 Southern's primary heavy repair shop for its fleet of 3,800
6 locomotives; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year hundreds of Norfolk Southern locomotives
8 are completely overhauled at the facility and more than 5,000
9 traction motors are rebuilt; and

10 WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern is the only Class 1 railroad in the
11 United States that maintains 100% of its locomotive fleet in-
12 house; and

13 WHEREAS, Additionally, next generation prototype locomotives
14 are being manufactured at the Juniata Locomotive Shop; and

15 WHEREAS, As a testament to the quality of the workmanship
16 performed at the Juniata Locomotive Shop, through Thoroughbred
17 Mechanical Services, a Norfolk Southern subsidiary, the
18 employees at the Juniata Locomotive Shop work on equipment for
19 other United States and foreign railroads; and

20 WHEREAS, The employees of the Juniata Locomotive Shop reached
21 a significant milestone in 2008 by working 1 million man-hours
22 without a reportable injury; and

23 WHEREAS, The following employees of the Juniata Locomotive
24 Shop serve on its safety committee:

25 Charlie W. Beiswenger, Machinist

26 Crist Polito, Laborer

27 Gary R. Williams, Machinist

28 Jaime R. Bacza, Laborer

29 Jim R. Bacza, Machinist

30 Fred L. Becker, Boilermaker

1 Ed W. Dean, Laborer
2 Elton R. Futrell, Machinist
3 Joanie L. Kempf, Laborer
4 Kevin D. Latchford, Laborer
5 Gordon L. Lynn, Laborer
6 Melody M. McCready, Laborer
7 Jason L. Mosey, Sheet Metal Worker
8 Elwood E. Musselman, Sheet Metal Worker
9 Tim J. O'Connor, Electrician
10 David E. Pedersen, Electrician
11 Jason M. Peters, Supervisor
12 Allen D. Ridgway, Shipper/Receiver
13 Lou G. Sacolick, Machinist
14 Brian C. Sawyers, Machinist
15 Don C. Skupien, Machinist
16 Robert E. Stoltz, Machinist
17 David T. Sprankle, Laborer
18 Steve R. Treese, Machinist;
19 therefore be it
20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Juniata
21 Locomotive Shop of Altoona, Pennsylvania, on the highly
22 commmemorable and remarkable achievement of working 1 million
23 man-hours without a reportable injury; and be it further
24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the Juniata Locomotive Shop in Altoona, Pennsylvania.