
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 120 Session of
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KASUNIC, C. WILLIAMS, GREENLEAF, EARLL, WOZNIAK AND RHOADES,
JULY 8, 2003

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JULY 8, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of railroad crossing safety awareness
2 and designating September 8, 2003, as "Railroad Crossing
3 Safety Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Activists and citizens are marking Monday, September
5 8, 2003, as "Railroad Crossing Safety Awareness Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year scores of people are either killed or
7 seriously injured in accidents between motor vehicles and
8 trains; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1999, 402 people throughout the United States
10 died and 1,369 people were injured in motor vehicle-train
11 collisions; and

12 WHEREAS, Many factors contribute to these tragedies,
13 including physical conditions at a railroad grade crossing and
14 driver error; and

15 WHEREAS, Activists and citizens are embarking on a grass-
16 roots campaign throughout this Commonwealth and the nation to

1 raise public awareness of safety issues at railroad grade
2 crossings; and

3 WHEREAS, They hope to improve driver awareness through
4 education and encourage public officials and the private sector
5 to find ways to provide more funding to protect, with automatic
6 gates and flashing lights, more of the many unguarded railroad
7 grade crossings; and

8 WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate that all
9 Pennsylvanians recognize the invaluable message of "Railroad
10 Crossing Safety Awareness Day": be alert, be vigilant and take
11 action; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of
13 railroad crossing safety awareness, commend all efforts to
14 improve safety and designate September 8, 2003, as "Railroad
15 Crossing Safety Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 Denise Strozyk, Founder, Train Accident Fatalities, 1458 Saucony
19 Road, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, 19530.