

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1002 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 21 through 27, 2020, as "Rail
2 Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Rail travel is an essential part of our
4 transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion on the roads
5 and in the skies, connecting cities and rural communities and
6 providing a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation
7 that contributes to our energy security; and

8 WHEREAS, Projections of the United States Department of
9 Transportation show substantial increases in rail transport over
10 the next three decades; and

11 WHEREAS, As advanced technology helps build quieter and
12 faster trains, the necessity to teach people how to be safe
13 around them increases; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by
15 a train approximately every three hours; and

16 WHEREAS, While crossing collisions have been reduced over the
17 past four decades, there were still approximately 300 crossing
18 fatalities in 2019; and

1 WHEREAS, Trespassing is an even larger danger, resulting in
2 1,104 deaths and injuries in 2019, an increase of nearly 10%
3 since 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit public safety
5 education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing
6 collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings
7 and trespassing on or near railroad tracks; and

8 WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is working with the United
9 States Department of Transportation and other organizations to
10 observe the third national "Rail Safety Week" from September 21
11 through 27, 2020; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate the week of September 21
14 through 27, 2020, as "Rail Safety Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the Governor, the United States Department of Transportation and
18 Operation Lifesaver at 1420 King Street, Suite 201, Alexandria,
19 VA 22314.