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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Union Pacific Railroad's Chicago Service Unit on winning the 2025 Safety Bell Award; and

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WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad, founded by an act of Congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln as part of the nation's first transcontinental railroad in 1862, has continuously operated for more than 160 years with a focus on safety, service, and operational excellence; and

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WHEREAS, The Safety Bell Award is Union Pacific Railroad's highest safety honor and is presented annually to the service unit achieving the best overall safety record; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of General Manager Cerwin Fleming, the Chicago Service Unit delivered a record-setting safety performance with more than 365 consecutive injury-free days and the lowest derailment rate of the company's 13 service units during calendar year 2025; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Service Unit includes nearly 1,300 total track miles, four intermodal facilities, and five freight terminals and operates within one of the nation's

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1 busiest and most complex rail environments, supporting the
2 safe and efficient movement of goods essential to the
3 economies of the State of Illinois and the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The performance of front-line craft
5 professionals, managers, and leaders in the Chicago Service
6 Unit reflects a shared commitment to safety and to ensuring
7 that employees return home safely at the end of each day;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Union Pacific Railroad's Chicago Service Unit,
12 General Manager Cerwin Fleming, and all team members on
13 earning the 2025 Safety Bell Award; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to General Manager Cerwin Fleming and
16 representatives of Union Pacific Railroad's Chicago Service
17 Unit as an expression of our esteem and respect.