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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the members of the DuPage
4 Railroad Safety Council on the occasion of the organization's
5 20th anniversary of railroad safety advocacy; and

6 WHEREAS, The DuPage Railroad Safety Council was founded on
7 April 30, 1994 as an outgrowth of a Railroad Safety Conference
8 called by the Chairman of the DuPage County Board; the
9 organization is made up of railroad officials, government
10 officials, engineers, educators, and private citizens who have
11 a deep concern for railroad safety and seek to prevent deaths
12 and injuries at railroad crossings and along railways; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the DuPage Railroad Safety
14 Council has met regularly to examine ways to heighten awareness
15 and improve safety conditions at railroad crossings and to work
16 with civic and railroad leaders to stop preventable accidents
17 along railroad right of ways; and

18 WHEREAS, The DuPage Railroad Safety Council performs many
19 public functions to heighten awareness of railroad safety; the
20 organization holds OL presentations at many grade and high
21 schools throughout DuPage County and for many Girl and Boy
22 Scout troops; it has created Railroad Safety video tapes for

1 driver's education classes, with over 4,000 copies
2 distributed; it has conducted many "station blitzes", where the
3 organization, in conjunction with the Railroad, has provided OL
4 videos, posters, and flyers discussing rail safety at train
5 stations in the area; the organization helped influence the
6 1996 law to fine \$500 for those vehicles or pedestrians who
7 cross the tracks with warning signals activated and obtained
8 governmental funding and approval to conduct a trial of video
9 enforcement at three locations in DuPage County as a trial of
10 technology and effectiveness; the organization has also
11 participated in local and national news broadcasts, cable
12 documentaries, and many print articles regarding rail safety
13 and to inform the Chicago area of the Council's work; and

14 WHEREAS, The DuPage Railroad Safety Council's efforts in
15 education and enforcement have lowered the rail/highway
16 incident rate for the State of Illinois and have greatly
17 improved railroad awareness among the State's citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, The DuPage Railroad Safety Council will host a
19 celebration of the organization's 20th anniversary on August 7,
20 2014 at the Chicago History Museum; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate the members of the DuPage Railroad Safety

1 Council on the occasion of the organization's 20th anniversary
2 and wish them continued success and happiness in the future;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the DuPage Railroad Safety Council as a symbol of
6 our esteem and respect.