

House Concurrent Resolution No.14

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2000 was approved
3 in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives of the 106th
4 Congress, including the entire Missouri delegation to the United States House of Representatives; and

5 **Whereas**, more than 83 United States Senators, including both Missouri Senator Kit Bond
6 and then Missouri Senator John Ashcroft, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and
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8 **Whereas**, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the Railroad Retirement
9 System for its 690,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 23,100 in Missouri; and
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11 **Whereas**, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this
12 legislation; and
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14 **Whereas**, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter
15 lines; and
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17 **Whereas**, this legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail
18 workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and
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20 **Whereas**, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes
21 called for in this legislation; and
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23 **Whereas**, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full
24 share of active employees:
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26 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the Missouri House of
27 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
28 therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors
29 Improvement Act introduced in the 107th Congress; and
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31 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of
33 the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
34 Representatives and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.