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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 196 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, MARSHALL, FREEMAN, MADDEN, DONAHUE,  
SCHMITT, McNEILL, VENKAT, HADDOCK, MAYES, SANCHEZ, KHAN AND  
HOGAN, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND  
UTILITIES, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 18 through 24, 2023, 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 274 crossing fatalities in

1 2022; and

2 WHEREAS, Trespassing is an even larger danger, resulting in  
3 1,197 deaths and injuries in 2022, an increase of more than 10%  
4 since 2018; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is working with the United  
10 States Department of Transportation and other organizations to  
11 observe "Rail Safety Week" from September 18 through 24, 2023;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate the week of September 18  
15 through 24, 2023, as "Rail Safety Week" in Pennsylvania; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 the Governor, the United States Department of Transportation and  
19 Operation Lifesaver at P.O. Box 760, West Warwick, RI 02893-  
20 9998.