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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 468 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, HEFFLEY, BARBIN, BURNS, READSHAW, NEILSON,  
HENNESSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, MURT, BOBACK, QUIGLEY,  
MILLARD, MACKENZIE, CHARLTON, PASHINSKI, O'NEILL, DUSH,  
SONNEY, KINSEY, JOZWIAK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DRISCOLL, TOOHL,  
WARREN, ROZZI, BIZZARRO, CALTAGIRONE, MARSICO, WARD,  
LONGIETTI AND DIGIROLAMO, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 24 through 30, 2017, 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

1       WHEREAS, While crossing collisions have been reduced over the  
2 past four decades, crossing fatalities rose nearly 14% in 2016  
3 resulting in 265 deaths; and

4       WHEREAS, Trespassing is an even larger danger, resulting in  
5 994 deaths and injuries in 2016, an increase of nearly 15% from  
6 the previous year; and

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

11       WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is working with the United  
12 States Department of Transportation and other organizations to  
13 observe the first national "Rail Safety Week" from September 24  
14 through 30, 2017; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate the week of September 24  
17 through 30, 2017, as "Rail Safety Week" in Pennsylvania; and be  
18 it further

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