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H. RES. 798

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as “Rail Safety Week” in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of reducing highway-rail grade crossing-related incidents, fatalities, and injuries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as “Rail Safety Week” in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of reducing highway-rail grade crossing-related incidents, fatalities, and injuries.

Whereas the first Rail Safety Week was held from September 24 through September 30, 2017, by the national education safety nonprofit Operation Lifesaver, the Department of Transportation, and other organizations;

Whereas Rail Safety Week was launched to raise awareness about the need for increased education on how to be safe around highway-rail grade crossings and railroad tracks and to highlight efforts to further reduce incidents, injuries, and fatalities;

Whereas the rail industry strives to safeguard drivers and pedestrians at highway-rail grade crossings through continuous maintenance, public safety campaigns with organizations like Operation Lifesaver, utilizing government and community collaboration, and heavy investment in technology;

Whereas highway-rail grade crossing and trespassing incidents constituted approximately 97 percent of all rail-related fatalities during 2024;

Whereas, since 2005, the number of public highway-rail grade crossings has decreased by 1 percent;

Whereas, in 2024, 52 percent of all highway-rail grade crossing incidents and 68 percent of all fatal highway-rail grade crossing incidents occurred at gated highway-rail grade crossings;

Whereas preliminary Federal statistics indicate that 2,260 highway-grade crossing incidents occurred in the United States in 2024, resulting in 260 deaths and another 762 individuals injured;

Whereas many incidents between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could have been prevented by increased education, engineering, and enforcement;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver, the foremost public information and education program on rail safety, which administers a public education program about grade-crossing safety and trespassing prevention, enjoys broad bipartisan support;

Whereas, during Rail Safety Week, from September 15 through 21, and throughout the year, everyone is encouraged to take added caution as motorists or pedestrians approach tracks or trains;

Whereas the United States, Canada, and Mexico will concurrently observe Rail Safety Week; and

Whereas this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing incidents and other railroad incidents: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of Rail Safety
3 Week;

4 (2) expresses strong support for—

5 (A) the goals and ideals of Rail Safety
6 Week; and

7 (B) efforts to reduce rail-related incidents,
8 fatalities, and injuries at highway-rail grade
9 crossings; and

10 (3) encourages the people of the United
11 States—

12 (A) to participate in Rail Safety Week
13 events and activities; and

14 (B) to educate themselves and others on
15 how to be safe around railroad tracks and
16 grade crossings.

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