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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

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BRAUNS, RAYHONS, HEATON, WEIDMAN, HORBACH,
SIEGRIST, BODDICKER, LARSON, and TYMESON

A Concurrent Resolution urging the Congress of the
United States to support the Railroad Retirement
and Survivors' Improvement Act.

WHEREAS, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors'
Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan
effort by 391 members of the United States House of
Representatives in the 106th Congress, including by
all of Iowa's members of the United States House of
Representatives; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 United States Senators,
including both of Iowa's United States senators signed
letters of support for the legislation in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the bill now before the 107th Congress
modernizes the railroad retirement system for its more
than 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including more
than 10,800 in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, several railroad management, labor, and
retiree organizations have agreed to support the
legislation; and

WHEREAS, the legislation provides tax relief to
freight railroad companies, Amtrak, and commuter rail

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1 lines; and

2 WHEREAS, the legislation provides benefit
3 improvements for rail workers and beneficiaries of
4 rail workers; and

5 WHEREAS, all proposed benefit improvements in the
6 bill will be financed by the railroad industry,
7 including by railroad employees; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
10 urges the Congress of the United States to support the
11 Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act in
12 the 107th Congress; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
14 Resolution be sent to the President of the United
15 States, to the President and Majority and Minority
16 Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker
17 and Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
18 House of Representatives, and to members of Iowa's
19 congressional delegation.

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