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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A Concurrent Resolution urging United States
Congressional support for 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 the
entire Iowa delegation to Congress; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 United States Senators,
including both Iowa Senator Charles E. Grassley and
Iowa Senator Thomas Harkin, signed letters of support
for that Act in 2000; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the new federal legislation provides tax
relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter
lines; and

WHEREAS, the new federal legislation provides
benefit improvement for surviving spouses of rail
workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when
the rail retiree dies; and

WHEREAS, no outside contributions from taxpayers

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1 are needed to implement the changes called for in the
2 new federal legislation; and

3 WHEREAS, all changes will be paid for from within
4 the railroad industry, including a full share by
5 active employees; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
8 urges the United States Congress to support the
9 Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act in
10 the 107th Congress.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies
12 of this Resolution be sent by the Secretary of the
13 Senate to the President of the United States, the
14 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
15 the United States House of Representatives, and all
16 members of the Iowa Congressional delegation.

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