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Sponsor(s): O'Connor, Patrick (40)

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Title: Congratulations extended to Union Pacific Railroad.

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is pleased to congratulate Union Pacific Railroad on the 150th anniversary of the railroad in 2012; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act of July 1, 1862, creating the original Union Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific operates one of the largest railroads in the Rail Capital of Chicago; the Proviso Rail Yard is located in Northlake, Bellwood, Berkeley, and Melrose Park and is one of the largest rail yards in the company's system; 25% of all of the rail traffic on the Union Pacific travels through the Chicago Rail Terminal; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific has rail yards throughout the State of Illinois with 4 located within the Chicago city limits as well as locations in Dolton, Chicago Heights, Rochelle, West Chicago, Dupon, and Salem, and has 2,201 miles of track traversing hundreds of communities; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific serves 115,000 commuters daily on the Union Pacific Metra North, Northwest, and West Lines, and operates more trains for Metra than any other carrier in the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, Today, Union Pacific Railroad is the principal operating company of Union Pacific Corporation, linking 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country by rail and providing freight solutions and logistics expertise to the global supply chain; and

WHEREAS, Major commodities transported by Union Pacific include corn, soybeans, automobile parts, completed automobiles, and general merchandise; particularly important to the company is the coal mining industry in southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific's capital investment in Illinois was more than \$470 million over the last 2 years; over \$220 million being spent in the Chicago area over the last 2 years; in 2010, Union Pacific had 4,035 employees in Illinois, with over 2,900 of those employees covering the Chicago area, with an annual payroll of \$327.3 million; and


WHEREAS, Union Pacific, during the height of the Great Recession in 2009, spent \$370 million to construct the Joliet Intermodal Terminal, creating thousands of transportation and construction jobs to compliment their other 6 intermodal container terminals throughout the State that collectively lift 1.3 million containers annually; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific partners with the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, and Metra in a number of public private partnerships, such as the CREATE Program, UP Metra West Line Improvement Project, and the Illinois High Speed Rail Project; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific provided more than \$675,000 to charitable organizations in the State; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered in a meeting this 12th day of December, 2012, do hereby congratulate Union Pacific Railroad on its 150th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Union Pacific Railroad as they celebrate this milestone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name.

Patrick J. O'Connor – Alderman, 40th Ward