



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1012

BY REPRESENTATIVES Grossman, Boyd, Coleman, Daniel, Mace, Miller, Romanoff, Sanchez, Smith, Tochtrop, Veiga, Vigil, Weddig, and Williams S.;
also SENATORS Thiebaut, Perlmutter, Taylor, and Tupa.

CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS 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 Representatives Diana DeGette, Scott McInnis, Thomas Tancredo, and Mark Udall; and

WHEREAS, More than 80 United States Senators, including Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, signed letters of support for this legislation; and

WHEREAS, The bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 9,000 Colorado citizens; and

WHEREAS, Railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

WHEREAS, This legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

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

WHEREAS, No outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

WHEREAS, All changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share to be paid by active employees; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That the Colorado General Assembly urges the United States Congress to enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act in the 107th Congress.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation.

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