

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 79

Supporting the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., of Galesburg, Illinois, in its endeavor to erect a monument known as the National Railroad Hall of Fame.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. RUSH, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Supporting the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., of Galesburg, Illinois, in its endeavor to erect a monument known as the National Railroad Hall of Fame.

Whereas Galesburg, Illinois, has a profound link to the history of railroading beginning in 1849 when the Peoria and Oquawka Railroad organized;

Whereas the citizens of Galesburg supported a railroad to Chicago which was chartered as the Central Military Tract Railroad in 1851;

Whereas Galesburg and Chicago were joined by rail in 1854; as a result of this union, the Northern Cross Railroad joined the Central Military Tract Railroad at Galesburg;

Whereas in 1886 Galesburg secured the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and became one of the few places in the world to possess 2 mega powers of the railroad industry;

Whereas the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., has been established in Galesburg and has reserved the name “National Railroad Hall of Fame” with the Secretary of State of Illinois;

Whereas the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., organized and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the laws of Illinois;

Whereas the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., filed a service-mark registration with the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, covering the name and logo of the organization;

Whereas the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., has applied for a charter under the State of Illinois;

Whereas the objectives of the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., include—

(1) perpetuating the memory of leaders and innovators in the railroad industry;

(2) fostering, promoting, and encouraging a better understanding of the origins and growth of railroads, especially in the United States; and

(3) establishing and maintaining a library and collection of documents, reports and other items of value to contribute to the education of future railroad students; and

Whereas the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., has resolved to erect a monument known as the National Railroad Hall of Fame to honor men and women who actively participated in the founding and development of the railroad industry in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc., of Galesburg,
- 3 Illinois, in its endeavor to erect a monument known as
- 4 the National Railroad Hall of Fame.

