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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing North Platte, Nebraska, as "Rail Town USA".

Whereas the community of North Platte, Nebraska, in western Nebraska is located at the convergence of the North and South Platte Rivers and possesses a rich and vibrant history;

Whereas the railroad has played a significant role in the history of the community;

Whereas, on January 2, 1867, main line operations officially commenced in North Platte, Nebraska;

Whereas trains were vital during our country's war efforts, transporting troops, equipment, and supplies across the country;

Whereas during World War II hundreds of citizens from North Platte, Nebraska, assembled at the local depot to greet troops passing through town by train and provide soldiers with food, coffee, and gifts;

Whereas for 54 months between 1941 and 1946, millions of troops found a small bit of comfort when their trains stopped in North Platte, Nebraska;

Whereas at the war's peak 3,000 to 5,000 personnel were greeted daily, with North Platte, Nebraska, sometimes hosting up to 20 trains a day;

Whereas Bailey Yard in North Platte, Nebraska, is the largest railroad classification yard in the world;

Whereas Bailey Yard covers 2,850 acres, reaching a total length of 8 miles, and contains 315 miles of track;

Whereas every 24 hours, Bailey Yard handles 10,000 railroad cars; and

Whereas Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Nebraska, offers railroad-specific courses in order to enhance student preparation for possible employment in the railroad discipline: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*

2 *concurring),* That Congress recognizes North Platte, Ne-

3 braska, as ''Rail Town USA''.

Passed the House of Representatives September 18, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.