

1 A RESOLUTION endorsing the federal grant application of the Paducah &  
2 Louisville Railway to rehabilitate the Rockport Bridge and encouraging the United States  
3 Department of Transportation to give favorable consideration to the application.

4 WHEREAS, access to rail service is a key factor in recruiting economic  
5 development prospects to locate facilities in the Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, many existing industries rely on rail service to bring in supplies and  
7 move product to market; and

8 WHEREAS, freight currently transported by the Paducah & Louisville Railway  
9 (P&L) includes coal destined for Louisville Gas & Electric, military equipment both  
10 inbound to and outbound from Ft. Knox, and raw materials essential to manufacturing  
11 facilities along the railroad's 260-mile mainline; and

12 WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the traffic handled by P&L crosses over the  
13 Green River by way of the Rockport Bridge located at Railroad Milepost 117.9 in Ohio  
14 County; and

15 WHEREAS, this bridge is approximately 100 years old and is in need of substantial  
16 rehabilitation; and

17 WHEREAS, the recently passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act  
18 significantly increases the amount of grant funding for critical rail infrastructure projects  
19 such as the Rockport Bridge, and P&L plans to apply to the United States Department of  
20 Transportation for a federal grant to rehabilitate the steel structure and upgrade the  
21 approach to the bridge;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate endorses the grant application to be submitted by the  
26 Paducah & Louisville Railway to rehabilitate the Rockport Bridge at Railroad Milepost  
27 117.9 and encourages the United States Department of Transportation to give favorable

1 consideration to the application.

2       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to

3 the members of Kentucky's Congressional delegation.