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S. RES. 517

In support and recognition of National Train Day, May 8, 2010.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2010

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on May 10, 1869, the “golden spike” was driven into the final tie at Promontory Summit, Utah, to join the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, ceremonially completing the first transcontinental railroad and therefore connecting both coasts of the United States;

Whereas in highly populated regions Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry intercity passengers and commuters to and from work in congested metropolitan areas, providing a reliable rail option while reducing congestion on roads and in the skies;

Whereas Amtrak ridership in Fiscal Year 2009 reached 27.1 million passengers from 46 states;

Whereas, for many rural Americans, Amtrak represents the only major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country;

Whereas passenger rail provides a fuel-efficient transportation system, thereby providing clean transportation alternatives and energy security;

Whereas, when combined with all modes of transportation, passenger railroads emit only 0.2 percent of the travel industry's total greenhouse gases and one freight train can move a ton of freight 480 miles on one gallon of fuel;

Whereas developing this pipeline of national high-speed and intercity passenger rail projects will revitalize the domestic manufacturing industry and create additional American jobs building on the one million good-paying, middle-class-creating American jobs that can never be off-shored that are already supported by the rail industry;

Whereas ridership on Amtrak grew every year from 2000 through 2008, and is currently on track for 2010 to be its best ridership year ever, further demonstrating the increased demand for intercity passenger rail services; and

Whereas our railroad system is a source of civic pride, the gateway to our communities and a tool for economic growth that creates transportation-oriented development and livable communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the goals and
2 ideals of National Train Day, as designated by Amtrak.

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