

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1021**

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Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Coates, and Buchanan.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RAILROAD  
2 EMPLOYEES WHO DIED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR  
3 DUTIES.

4       Whereas, the railroad industry has brought about a significant economic  
5 impact on the State of North Carolina, providing the means to trade goods and establish  
6 industries and improving the standard of living for many of North Carolina's citizens;  
7 and

8       Whereas, the railroads have allowed people in isolated areas with the means  
9 to travel, thus connecting rural and urban areas; and

10       Whereas, the State of North Carolina has benefited from the hard work and  
11 dedication of railroad employees; and

12       Whereas, the House of Representatives wishes to pay tribute to North  
13 Carolina's railroad employees, especially those who have lost their lives in the  
14 performance of their duties, by expressing its support of the Railroad Retirement and  
15 Survivors Improvement Act that is currently before the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

16       Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2000  
17 received bipartisan support from 391 members of the United States House of  
18 Representatives in the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

19       Whereas, more than 80 United States Senators signed a letter of support for  
20 this legislation in 2000; and

21       Whereas, the current Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of  
22 2001, H.R. 1140, restructures the railroad retirement system for its 748,000  
23 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 11,900 in North Carolina; and

24       Whereas, railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed  
25 to support the current proposed legislation; and

26       Whereas, the proposed legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads,  
27 Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

1           Whereas, the proposed legislation provides greater benefits for surviving  
2 spouses of rail workers who currently suffer deep cuts in their income upon the death of  
3 railroad retirees; and

4           Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement  
5 the provisions called for in this legislation; and

6           Whereas, all provisions will be paid for with monies from the railroad  
7 industry; Now, therefore,

8 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

9           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the memory of  
10 all North Carolina's citizens who lost their lives while working with the railroads and  
11 supports the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act.

12           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
13 resolution to each member of North Carolina's Congressional delegation.

14           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.