

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1823

A RESOLUTION recognizing the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees.

WHEREAS, The development of our national system of railroads parallels in large part the development of our nation. For Kansas, the location of railway bridges over the Missouri River spurred the development of Kansas cities such as Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City. As the frontier raced across the Kansas prairie, the location of the railroad decided the success or failure of many early Kansas cities. Today in our largely agricultural state, the availability of easily accessible rail sites assures the success of our farm economy; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees will hold its 33rd biennial convention in Kansas City on May 19, 20 and 21, 2002. This year's convention is sponsored by Unit 90 of Kansas City, Kansas, and Unit 95 of Kansas City, Missouri. It will be attended by 275 to 300 persons representing 148 local units of the organization; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees (NARVRE) counts as one of its major achievements the passage of the Railway Improvement Act, which was signed into law in December of 2001. Major issues to be considered at this year's convention are inclusion of prescription drugs for individuals receiving medicare benefits and support of Amtrak. The organization believes in the statement: "You are important to NARVRE; make NARVRE important to you": Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Senate recognizes the importance of the railroad to our state's economy and welcomes the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees to Kansas for their biennial convention; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Fred Miller, President, Unit 90, National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, 3600 Victoria, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

Senate Resolution No. 1823 was sponsored by Senator Chris Steineger.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*