

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2018

To recognize and honor the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen on the occasion of its 155th anniversary and its 2018 Eastern Regional Conference.

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen will convene its 2018 Eastern Regional Conference on August 13 through August 17, 2018, in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, since 1835 the District of Columbia has been a major gateway for railroad travel throughout the United States and the confluence for 30 legacy railroads;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen was founded May 8, 1863 and proudly marked its 155th anniversary on May 8, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen is the oldest labor union in the Western Hemisphere;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen, the first labor organization to secure contracts with the major railroads, today has contracts with Class I, Short-Lines, Passenger, Commuter, and Regional railroads representing locomotive engineers on 98% of railroad trackage in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen is the founding member of the Teamsters Rail Conference representing 57,000 active and retired locomotive engineers and trainmen throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen has played a major role in the enactment of federal legislation to improve safety and living standards in the railroad

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industry, including the Railway Labor Act of 1926, the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Act of 1937, and the Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2008;

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen has led efforts to improve rail safety throughout the United States and the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen members safely transport vital commodities by freight railroad and 32 million annual travelers and commuters by Highspeed, Intercity, and Commuter rail service to the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen has demonstrated its commitment to a viable national freight and passenger rail system, public safety, and political education beneficial to working families.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen – 2018 Eastern Regional Conference Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2 The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen on the occasion of its 2018 Eastern Regional Conference and recognizes its commitment to safe passenger and freight railroad service in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.