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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every day on Texas highways, contract carriers  
2 transport railroad personnel to and from trains and in between  
3 terminals, traveling some 20 million miles each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Justin Little was working as a railroad conductor on  
5 August 14, 2005, when the contract carrier transporting him and his  
6 fellow employees ran off the road and hit a tree, fatally injuring  
7 one person and critically injuring Mr. Little and his fellow  
8 railroad crew member; and

9 WHEREAS, Toxicological testing of the vehicle driver from  
10 that day showed him to have methamphetamine in his bloodstream; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to the injuries sustained in the accident, Mr.  
12 Little continues to be dependent on others for his care; and

13 WHEREAS, This tragic event was the impetus for the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature to change Texas statutes regarding contract carrier  
15 regulations, vastly improving the safety of railroad crews being  
16 transported by contract carrier; Senate Bill 481, which was passed  
17 on May 12, 2009, and signed into law by the governor on May 23 of  
18 that same year, was the legislative measure by which these  
19 important safety improvements were made; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby recognize Senate Bill 481, 81st Texas  
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, as the Justin Little Rail Crew  
23 Safe Transportation Act.