

1-1 By: Anderson of McLennan (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.C.R. No. 49  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;  
1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Train safety is a vital issue that affects all  
1-17 Texans, and promoting awareness of correct safety procedures around  
1-18 railroads can potentially save many lives; and

1-19 WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Insurance reports that a  
1-20 train hits someone in the United States every 115 minutes, often  
1-21 with fatal results, and the nonprofit Operation Lifesaver  
1-22 calculates that an average of nearly 1,200 Americans are killed or  
1-23 injured each year on highway-rail grade crossings; according to the  
1-24 Federal Railroad Administration, in 2015, Texas led the nation in  
1-25 highway-rail grade collisions with 224 such incidents and suffered  
1-26 42 pedestrian rail trespass injuries and 27 pedestrian rail  
1-27 trespass fatalities, the second most of any state; and

1-28 WHEREAS, An average train consisting of 100 cars can weigh 12  
1-29 million pounds and can take up to one mile to halt after first  
1-30 applying its brakes; because the average weight ratio of a train to  
1-31 a car is 4,000 to 1, collisions between the two usually result in  
1-32 tragedy for motor vehicle drivers, and a motorist is 20 times more  
1-33 likely to die in a train/vehicle collision than in a collision with  
1-34 another vehicle; and

1-35 WHEREAS, It is important to always use caution near railroad  
1-36 crossings, including slowing down, looking both ways, yielding to  
1-37 flashing lights and other signals, and keeping a safe distance from  
1-38 the railroad when stopped; train safety is equally important for  
1-39 pedestrians, and the only safe and legal place to cross railroad  
1-40 tracks is at a designated pedestrian or roadway crossing; and

1-41 WHEREAS, It is imperative that motorists and pedestrians  
1-42 throughout the Lone Star State better understand the dangers that  
1-43 exist around railroads and the necessity of following proper train  
1-44 safety practices; now, therefore, be it

1-45 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-46 hereby designate July as Train Safety Awareness Month; and, be it  
1-47 further

1-48 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section  
1-49 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
1-50 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
1-51 passed by the legislature.

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