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Representative Karen Kwan proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RAILROAD

WORKERS DAY

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Kwan

Senate Sponsor: ~~_____~~ Scott D. Sandall

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution designates May 10 as Utah Railroad Workers Day.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses gratitude for the dedication and sacrifices of the railroad workers that helped build and complete the transcontinental railroad;
- ▶ expresses gratitude for the railroad workers today who continue to selflessly commit themselves to the good of our state and nation by connecting Utah and the United States by rail; and
- ▶ designates May 10 as Utah Railroad Workers Day.

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Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the completion of the transcontinental railroad, including the dedication and sacrifice of Utah railroad workers in building it, is an integral part of Utah and American history;

WHEREAS, May 10, 2019, will be the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad connecting the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory Summit, Box Elder County, Utah, and the Golden Spike ceremony commemorating the event;

WHEREAS, it took nearly ~~{six}~~seven years to complete the transcontinental railroad, requiring ~~{nearly 15,000 railroad}~~all together between 12,000 and 15,000 Chinese, 8,000 and 10,000 Irish (2,000 of whom where former Union and Confederate Soldiers), an undetermined number of African American freeman and freed slaves, some Native Americans, and between 3,000 and 4,000 Latter-day Saint workers (cutting, filling, tunneling and grade building), all told making the workforce of the workers and laborers~~{ to finish}~~, who built and finished the overland route across the Great Plains and the American West;

WHEREAS, the railroad workers reflected the multicultural and changing demographics of the United States at that time and included immigrants from various nations such as China, Ireland, and Germany~~{, former Civil War soldiers, and freed slaves from across the country};~~

~~—WHEREAS, thousands of early Utah};~~

WHEREAS, between 3,000 and 4,000 of Utah's early settlers also helped complete the rail line {as it was nearing its finish in the Utah desert}working for both the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, from Humboldt Wells, Nevada, to the west, and to the Wyoming-Utah border to the east, covering over 250 miles (a little less than 1/7 of the 1,776 total miles of the transcontinental road);

WHEREAS, most of the construction of the railroad was done by ~~{hand}~~human labor, with the aid of oxen, horses, mules, wagons and explosives, and required overcoming dangerous and difficult obstacles to construct rail lines through the challenging terrain

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~~{of}~~ leading up to and through the ~~{intermountain west}~~ Intermountain West, including tunnel blasting and building on mountainous terrain;

WHEREAS, at times, both railroad companies were laying down track at an unprecedented pace, including a stretch of 10 miles of track, west of Promontory Summit, that was laid in a single day by the Central Pacific Railroad crews;

WHEREAS, many of the railroad workers sacrificed much, sometimes even their lives, to help finish the transcontinental line;

WHEREAS, due to the hard work and dedication of the railroad workers, the transcontinental railroad was finished at Promontory Summit in Utah, linking the United States by rail;

WHEREAS, if it were not for the sacrifice of the railroad workers who took part in the construction of the railroad, the successful completion of the transcontinental rail line would not have been possible;

WHEREAS, after the transcontinental line was finished, people and goods could more easily travel across the country, introducing a period of growth and expansion in the western United States;

WHEREAS, the railroad workers that helped build the transcontinental railroad were an integral part of the history of the American West and of Utah, and the rebuilding of our nation after the American Civil War (1861-1865), reflecting the hardworking determination and sacrifice that helped grow the United States;

WHEREAS, the proud heritage and tradition of thousands of railroad workers, who collectively by their brains and brawn, accomplished this grand national goal, continues to ~~{exist}~~ be remembered today, as the railroad remains vital to our national and state economy, ensuring that shipments of food, automobiles, agricultural products, and many other types of industrial and manufactured items are delivered across our country; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and sacrifice of railroad workers today allows for the continuous and safe shipment and delivery of goods and people across the country and Utah, 24 hours a day, ~~{7}~~ seven days a week, 365 days a year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, the Governor concurring therein, commemorates the contributions of the transcontinental railroad workers and the dedication and sacrifice of today's railroad workers in the state of Utah by designating

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May 10 as Utah Railroad Workers Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize and express gratitude for the dedication and sacrifice of the railroad workers that helped build and complete the transcontinental railroad and the workers today who continue to selflessly commit themselves to the good of our state and nation by connecting Utah and the rest of the United States by rail.