



## H.Con.Res. 408 – Recognizing North Platte, Nebraska, as `Rail Town USA'

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Con.Res. 408 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE) on July 31, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 408 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 16, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Con.Res. 408 resolves that Congress recognizes North Platte, Nebraska, as `Rail Town USA'.

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### BACKGROUND

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North Platte, Nebraska, rail line was built in 1867 as a part of the transcontinental route. The city is home to the largest freight classification yard in the world, Baileys Yard. A freight classification yard is used to separate railroad cars onto different tracks. Union Pacific uses the city's freight classification yard to process up to 150 trains a day and 10,000 rail cars. According to the Rail Fest 2008 website, more trains pass through North Platte than anywhere else in the world.

North Platte is home to Rail Fest and this year's celebration will take place September 19 -21. The event focuses on many aspects of railroading, including preservation, education, safety, and entertainment.

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