

House Resolution 1080

By: Representatives Henson of the 65th, Manning of the 32nd, Drenner of the 66th and Harbin of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging CSX Railroad to spruce up the appearance of its properties and rights of way and to
2 encourage it to forever eliminate the blight that unkempt property brings to our state; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the responsibility of keeping Georgia clean and beautiful is a shared duty borne
5 by the State of Georgia, its governmental units, its people, and the corporate entities that
6 operate within its borders; and

7 WHEREAS, CSX Railroad is a corporate entity operating within the State of Georgia in a
8 way that transects and impacts the appearance of the railroad's right of way in numerous
9 Georgia cities, counties, and unincorporated areas; and

10 WHEREAS, CSX is generally derelict in its duty to maintain the appearance of its properties
11 by habitually cutting down trees and leaving them lying, together with other unsightly debris,
12 along the railroad's right of way, violating the spirit, if not the letter, of local property
13 maintenance laws and ordinances; and

14 WHEREAS, CSX's negligence in maintaining the appearance of its properties has generated
15 countless complaints from citizens of this state and from governmental units whose
16 boundaries are crossed by the railroad.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body find CSX Railroad's continuing disregard for the appearance and
19 upkeep of its properties an affront to all who strive to keep Georgia "Clean and Beautiful";
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges CSX to improve its
22 stewardship of its properties by promptly taking corrective action to remove dead trees and
23 unsightly debris from its properties; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives urges CSX Railroad to
2 initiate a property maintenance policy that in the future addresses not only operational
3 maintenance but aesthetic considerations as well.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to CSX Railroad.