

House Resolution 1275

By: Representative Smyre of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming February 2002 as "African American Railroader Month" in Georgia; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, railroads have helped this nation and state achieve greatness by moving goods
4 and people many miles and bringing opportunity and economic development as tracks were
5 built from coast to coast; and

6 WHEREAS, the commitment to making this state and nation great is reflected in generations
7 of Norfolk Southern employees whose hard work and commitment to excellence have made
8 this state and Norfolk Southern forces for change; and

9 WHEREAS, among those employees are generations of African Americans who persevered
10 and succeeded, overcoming hardship and prejudice, ensuring that all those who followed
11 would value one another's differences and similarities in order for diversity to succeed; and

12 WHEREAS, diversity has been a major factor not only in the success of Norfolk Southern
13 and our state, but in our nation, broadening our horizons and strengthening our community;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, as we celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans this month, we
16 salute the achievements of Norfolk Southern's African American employees of the past and
17 present, and we commend the company in its efforts to recognize those accomplishments,
18 ensuring a bright future for our state and Norfolk Southern.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 February 2002 is proclaimed as "African American Railroader Month" in Georgia and the
21 members of this body express their appreciation for the achievements of African American
22 railroaders, both past and present.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Norfolk Southern.