

House Resolution 684

By: Representatives Boggs of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Mosley of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, and Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>,  
Post 2

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jerry D. Richardson, a CSX Transportation railroad employee at Waycross;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Richardson has been nominated to receive the 2003 Harold F. Hammond  
4 Safety Award, the American railroad industry's most prestigious individual recognition for  
5 outstanding safety achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, a locomotive electrician and a labor leader, he has been the driving force behind  
7 the record-setting safety performance of the Waycross locomotive shop and an important  
8 contributor to the CSX Transportation mechanical department's leading safety performance  
9 among all North American Class 1 railroads in 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, his tireless devotion to protecting the safety of his co-workers and fellow  
11 citizens is manifested in countless ways, from providing safety tours for hundreds of school  
12 children to operating a model railroad and safety display visited by thousands of area  
13 residents at the Waycross agricultural fairgrounds; and

14 WHEREAS, he has worked for 31 years in the railroad industry without suffering a single  
15 reportable injury; and

16 WHEREAS, his boundless ideas for promoting safety undoubtedly have saved lives and  
17 prevented serious injuries in the rail environment, while also helping to raise public  
18 awareness of the need to use extreme caution at designated highway-rail intersections and  
19 always to avoid trespassing on railroad property; and

20 WHEREAS, an active church member and supporter of community activities, he leads by  
21 example and the strength of his character in all of his endeavors, both personal and  
22 professional.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body commend and congratulate Jerry D. Richardson on his nomination  
3 for the prestigious 2003 Harold F. Hammond Safety Award.

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 Jerry D. Richardson.