House Resolution 660

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Thomas of the 100th, Floyd of the 99th, Sheldon of the 105th, Cox of the 102nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical
- 2 Society on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, chartered in March of 1959, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway
- 4 Historical Society (NRHS) celebrates 50 years of railway education and appreciation on

5 March 22, 2009, at Georgia's Official Transportation Museum, the Southeastern Railway

6 Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS began with the purpose of saving steam
8 engine 290 located at Lakewood Fairgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, in its early years, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS provided the public with

- 10 access to steam powered railroad excursions, with a trip on the Gainesville Midland Railroad
- 11 in 1959; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this dedicated group of train fanatics has been responsible for the preservation
- 13 and restoration of American history with the restoration of The National Register of Historic
- 14 Places' 1911 Superb Pullman car and saving over 90 historic railroad locomotives; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS has operated the Southeastern Railway

16 Museum since 1970 and was responsible for moving the museum to its current location in

- 17 Duluth, Georgia, in 1998; and
- 18 WHEREAS, through the Southeastern Railway Museum, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS
- 19 educates and informs Georgians and visitors of all generations through exhibits, train rides,
- 20 school group tours, scout activities, special visiting exhibits, and many other activities; and

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- 21 WHEREAS, the museum displays many fascinating relics from the Georgia area such as fire
- 22 engines, steam tractors, tools, uniforms, station artifacts, streetcars and trolleys, railway
- 23 china, and model trains that serve to transform visitors back in time; and
- WHEREAS, in 2008, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS undertook the ambitious and important project of relocating and restoring the Duluth Depot that dates back to 1871 in
- 26 order to preserve this priceless historical building with rich traditions; and
- WHEREAS, the impressive and important 50 year history of the Atlanta Chapter of theNRHS is worthy of recognition.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 30 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical
- 31 Society for its dedication to preserving the past and congratulate the organization on the
- 32 occasion of its 50th anniversary.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Chapter of theNational Railway Historical Society.