

## House Resolution 900

By: Representatives Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup> and Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 26, 2013, as Georgia Railroad Association Day at the state capitol; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has two Class I railroads and 21 shortline railroads with  
4 just under 5,000 miles of track and nearly 7,000 employees; and

5 WHEREAS, railroad employees are among America's most highly compensated workers;  
6 in Georgia, the railroad employee earns an average of \$97,750; and

7 WHEREAS, nation wide, each freight rail job supports 4.5 jobs elsewhere in the economy;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, freight railroads serve nearly every industrial, wholesale, retail, and resource  
10 based sector of our economy; and

11 WHEREAS, commodities such as chemicals, coal, farm products, food products, stone, sand,  
12 gravel, and intermodal accounted for 769,000 carloads originating in this state and 1,283,900  
13 carloads terminating in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, railroads are an environmentally sound mode of transportation; a freight train  
15 can move one ton of freight an average of 469 miles on one gallon of fuel; and

16 WHEREAS, railroads help relieve highway gridlock and congestion by carrying the freight  
17 that would otherwise require several hundred trucks; and

18 WHEREAS, freight rail plays a vital role in serving the Port of Savannah, the fastest growing  
19 port in the country; and

20 WHEREAS, the safety of its employees and the public is the top priority for the industry.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize the Georgia Railroad Association and its members for  
23 the important role they play in the movement of goods and commodities to and through the  
24 State of Georgia and recognize March 26, 2013, as Georgia Railroad Association Day at the  
25 state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Railroad  
28 Association.