

House Resolution 1534

By: Representatives Riley of the 50th, Ralston of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jones of the 47th, O`Neal of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Yancey Brothers Company on its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Yancey Bros. Co. was founded in 1914 by Goodloe and Earle Yancey; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Yancey Bros. Co. began in Atlanta, Georgia, as the Yancey Hardware
4 Company, selling hardware, picks, shovels, and prison uniforms to government agencies for
5 road construction; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Yancey brothers became the first dealers in the United States for the Adams
7 Mule Grader, a predecessor of today's motor grader which was pulled by eight mules; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Yancey Bros. Co. is the nation's first Caterpillar dealership, the world's largest
9 manufacturer of earthmoving equipment, and was established in 1918; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the company represents Caterpillar throughout the State of Georgia with 31
11 locations in 22 communities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Yancey Bros. Co. has prospered under the leadership of Goodloe Yancey,
13 Don Yancey, Goodloe Yancey III, and Jim Stephenson; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 2002, the company reunited north and south Georgia under a single
15 Caterpillar dealer with the purchase of operating assets of Carlton Co., the Caterpillar dealer
16 in the southern half of the state, and became the exclusive Caterpillar equipment and power
17 systems dealer for Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 2007, Blue Bird Bus Corporation announced Yancey Bros. Co. as their
19 exclusive dealer for school bus sales, OEM parts, and factory-supported services for Georgia;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, in 2008, the company was one of five southeastern Caterpillar dealers to
22 purchase certain assets of Pioneer Machinery, adding forestry equipment to the list of
23 products offered in Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, beginning in 2009, the company purchased operating assets of International
25 Truck dealerships and now operates as the International Truck dealer for the Columbus,
26 Macon, Augusta, and south Georgia trade areas under the banner of Yancey Truck Centers;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the company's machine division provides products and services to the
29 aggregates, industrial, mining, governmental, waste, construction, forestry, and road
30 construction industries, and its engine division serves the electric power, marine, industrial,
31 and transportation industries; and

32 WHEREAS, Yancey Bros. Co. now has more than 950 employees throughout the State of
33 Georgia and remains committed to learning more about its customers, offering equipment
34 and support to keep up with their changing needs; and

35 WHEREAS, the company continues to look for ways to keep its customers productive,
36 competitive, and successful into their next generation, with its mission being to "Serve,
37 Solve, Succeed."

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend Yancey Brothers Company on its 100th anniversary and
40 congratulate the company on its numerous outstanding accomplishments.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jim Stephenson,
43 president and chief executive officer of Yancey Brothers Company.