

House Resolution 1225

By: Representatives Prince of the 127th and Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to pass the Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy Act
2 (BRACE Act); and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Congress has under consideration the BRACE Act, which would make the G45
4 tax credit permanent; and

5 WHEREAS, the G45 tax credit expired in December 2016 and is no longer available to
6 taxpayers to claim for eligible rail maintenance and improvement which is vital to a safe and
7 reliable freight network; and

8 WHEREAS, the tax credit is especially important for short rail lines which provide first and
9 last mile service to the network; and

10 WHEREAS, short rail lines also provide jobs and economic growth in rural areas of the state;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, freight rail provides \$2.4 billion in direct economic impact; and

13 WHEREAS, the biggest challenge to freight rail is maintaining and upgrading infrastructure
14 to meet customer needs and demands; and

15 WHEREAS, a permanent G45 tax credit would provide an ongoing opportunity not only for
16 continued maintenance and improvements but also to positively impact rural economies.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body request that Congress pass the BRACE Act.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to each
21 member of the Georgia Congressional delegation.