

By: Alvarado

H.R. No. 124

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Herb M. Yambra of Houston has been a notable leader  
2 in raising awareness about railroad safety issues that impact Texas  
3 communities; and

4           WHEREAS, Before retiring in 2009, Mr. Yambra was employed as  
5 a railroad engineer for nearly 30 years, working for Southern  
6 Pacific and Union Pacific; he was a member of the Brotherhood of  
7 Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and served as president and  
8 legislative representative of his division and as the second vice  
9 chair of the union's Texas Legislative Board; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Yambra emphasized safety issues during his  
11 tenure with the railroad, focusing particularly on trains run by  
12 remote control, without a certified engineer at the helm; an  
13 editorial he authored on the subject was published in the *Houston*  
14 *Chronicle* in 2003, and the City of Houston and Harris County both  
15 passed resolutions calling for regulation of these trains as a  
16 result of his advocacy; moreover, he was nominated for an award in  
17 2000 for his work to prevent grade-crossing accidents; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Yambra has served on the Harris County AFL-CIO  
19 Scholarship Committee, and he has also been active in voter  
20 registration efforts and has volunteered at election polling  
21 places; in addition, he supports the Houston Livestock Show and  
22 Rodeo through his work as a committee member; and

23           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Yambra enjoys the love  
24 and support of his wife of more than 20 years, Kathy, and his

1 children, Sarah, Tiffany, and Jamie, and he also takes great pride  
2 in his three grandchildren; he frequently participates in cook-offs  
3 and delights in spending time with his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Herb Yambra has demonstrated an enduring commitment  
5 to the protection and well-being of his fellow citizens, and his  
6 efforts to promote railroad safety have earned him the lasting  
7 appreciation of many Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby honor Herb M. Yambra for his work relating to  
10 railroad safety and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
11 future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Yambra as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.