

Senate Resolution 1088

By: Senator Shafer of the 48th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Yancey Brothers Company on its 100 year anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company was founded in 1914 by Goodloe and Earle Yancey;  
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company began in Atlanta, Georgia, as the Yancey Hardware  
5 Company, selling hardware, picks, shovels, and prison uniforms (stripes) to government  
6 agencies – especially county prisons – for road construction; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company became the first dealer in the United States for the  
8 Adams Mule Grader, a predecessor of today's motor grader, which was pulled by eight  
9 mules; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company is the nation's first Caterpillar dealership,  
11 established in 1918; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Caterpillar is the world's largest manufacturer of earthmoving equipment; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company represents Caterpillar throughout the State of  
14 Georgia with 31 locations in 22 communities; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company has prospered under the leadership of Goodloe  
16 Yancey, Don Yancey, Goodloe Yancey III, and Jim Stephenson; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2002, Yancey Brothers Company reunited north and south Georgia under a  
18 single Caterpillar dealer with the purchase of certain operating assets of Carlton Co., the  
19 Caterpillar dealer in the southern half of the state, becoming the exclusive Caterpillar  
20 equipment and power systems dealer for Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2007, Blue Bird Bus Corporation announced Yancey as their exclusive dealer  
22 for school bus sales, OEM parts, and factory-supported service for Georgia; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, Yancey's Machine Division provides products and services to the aggregates,  
31 industrial, mining, governmental, waste, construction, forestry, and road construction  
32 industries, and Yancey's Engine Division serves the electric power, marine, industrial, and  
33 transportation industries; and

34 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company now has over 950 employees throughout the State  
35 of Georgia; and

36 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company remains committed to learning more about its  
37 customers, offering equipment and support to keep up with their changing needs; and

38 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company continues to look for ways to keep its customers  
39 productive, competitive, and successful into the next generation; and

40 WHEREAS, Yancey Brothers Company mission is to "Serve. Solve. Succeed."

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Yancey Brothers  
42 Company is recognized on its 100 year anniversary and is commended for its many  
43 outstanding accomplishments.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jim Stephenson, President and Chief  
46 Executive Officer of Yancey Brothers Company.