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LTG (Ret) Richard F. Timmons is ASLRRRA's 2022 Schlosser Distinguished Service Award Winner

ST. LOUIS, May 2, 2022 - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) has presented LTG (Ret) Richard F. Timmons with the 2022 Schlosser Distinguished Service Award. The award, named for former ASLRRRA Chairman Thomas L. Schlosser, is the highest individual honor bestowed by the ASLRRRA, recognizing an individual for his or her long-term, significant service to the ASLRRRA and the short line industry. Timmons was presented with the award this morning at the ASLRRRA Conference and Exhibition in St. Louis, Missouri.

"I am proud to honor General Timmons with the Distinguished Service Award," said Chuck Baker, President of ASLRRRA. "He was a tireless advocate for the short line industry inside and outside the beltway. The programs he initiated are still foundational offerings of the Association, and his advocacy on behalf of short lines was highly effective. His work and his team laid the groundwork for the legislative, regulatory, and reputational successes short lines are still enjoying today. We are grateful for his service – to our Association, our industry and our country."

LTG (Ret) Richard F. (Rich) Timmons served as president of American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association from 2002 until his retirement in 2014. Many of the Association's key

initiatives were instituted under his leadership, including the Short Line Rehabilitation Tax Credit (45G), the establishment of the Short Line Safety Institute, and the creation of training programs and compliance templates for member railroads. Mr. Timmons was also a tireless and highly respected advocate for the short line industry, represented the interests of these railroads before Congress, Federal and State regulatory agencies and on the policy and technical committees of the U.S. railroad industry. He regularly provided key testimony before Congress, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the Surface Transportation Board highlighting the benefits of short line service to shippers and the small town and rural communities they serve.

Prior to joining ASLRRA, Mr. Timmons was employed with Norfolk Southern Railroad as the corporation's chief political liaison to the states of Pennsylvania and New York, representing the corporation's interests in the areas of legislative and regulatory policy. In addition, Mr. Timmons served for 32 years in the United States Army, retiring as a Lieutenant General. His career included a range of operational, political and staff assignments, including Commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Command in Korea, Commander 7th Infantry Division, Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army and Army liaison officer to the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Timmons is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and holds a bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Military Institute, a master's in personnel administration from Central Michigan University and a master's in journalism from the University of Alabama. He has completed postgraduate work at the Yale School of Management, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

General Timmons, while President of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, was named Railway Age's 2006 Railroader of the Year.

For a video on the background of the Schlosser Distinguished Service Award, click [here](#).

About ASLRRA - The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of the nation's 603 short line and regional railroads and railroad supply company members in legislative and regulatory matters. Short lines operate 47,500 miles of track in 49 states, or approximately 29% of the national

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