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Potomac Yard Celebrates 100th Anniversary ***Congressman Moran, Alexandria Mayor Euille and Past RF&P Railroad Officials Commemorate Potomac Yard's Centennial***

ALEXANDRIA, VA - The Potomac Yard Development Team, in coordination with the Potomac Yard Centennial Committee and the RF&P Historical Society, gathered today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Potomac Yard with a community celebration and plaque unveiling to mark the Yard's century milestone and recall its historical significance and vision for the future.

U.S. Congressman Jim Moran, the Mayor of the City of Alexandria as well as Past RF&P Railroad Officials and Historical Society members participated in the ceremony and spoke about the railroad's history and memories of working at the old Potomac Yard rail yard.

"Potomac Yard not only served as an economic engine for our local region by providing hundreds of local jobs, but served as one of the most vital rail yards in American history by linking the North and the South," commented U.S. Congressman Jim Moran.

When Potomac Yard rail yard was built in the early 1900's, five railroads (RF&P, PRR, B&O, C&O, Southern) shared the yard as tenants. It marked the first time in American railroad history that a single yard facility would serve as a joint rail yard to classify and interchange their freight traffic.

"For decades, the one constant that kept our trains running on time was the skill and dedication of the hundreds of employees who accepted their daily challenge and got the job done," said Jack McGinley, Retired Superintendent of the RF&P Railroad at Potomac Yard. "Our dedicated employees worked in a 24-hour operation through snow and ice storms, floods, and heat waves to keep the trains moving on time. We express our gratitude today to these employees for a job well done."

Alexandria Mayor William Euille was one of the keynote speakers for the event. He thanked the railroad employees in attendance for their hard work and dedication.

"The men and women who served this rail yard deserve a lot of credit for putting Potomac Yard on the map as one of the most significant railroad landmarks in American history," stated Mayor Euille.

As part of the ceremony, the Potomac Yard Development Team unveiled a commemorative bronze plaque, dedicated to the history and employees of the old rail yard, which will be on display once the new Potomac Yard community is built.

"Just as the rail yard was an exciting and vibrant area during its operation, the Potomac Yard development team is working hard to create a new community that will instill a sense of pride and excitement throughout the community – a community that respects the past and sets a new standard for future communities," said Howard Katz, Vice President, Strategic Land Acquisition for Centex Homes.

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The Potomac Yard Development Team is working to build a unique urban mixed-use project that will offer a variety of housing choices, retail stores, offices, parks and open space, along with significant transportation improvements.

The most notable transportation improvements underway are Potomac Yard's construction of the new, straightened Route 1 Bridge (Monroe Avenue) and the widening of Route 1. The Potomac Yard Development Team has committed over \$20 million dollars towards the two projects at no cost to the City of Alexandria. These transportation improvements will begin before the initial phase of the Potomac Yard community construction. Both the new Route 1 Bridge (Monroe Avenue) and the widening of Route 1 will significantly increase the safety and efficiency of Alexandria's transportation network.

Potomac Yard is conveniently located in the City of Alexandria, off Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1) and just minutes away from Washington, D.C.

Potomac Yard Development Team is also working with the RF&P Railroad Historical Society to preserve Potomac Yard's history in preserving and placing artifacts from the old rail yard.

Potomac Yard Development

For additional information on Potomac Yard Development, its amenities and the Monroe Avenue Bridge, please visit us at www.potomacyardalexandria.com.

Pulte Homes and Centex Homes, two of the nation's premier residential developers, have teamed up to implement the vision for Potomac Yard that has been anticipated by the community for some time. Our partnership, known as Potomac Yard Development, LLC, is excited about the opportunity to create a truly unique community in Alexandria that will be a landmark celebrated by area residents for generations.

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