

## House Resolution 753

By: Representatives Boggs of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Mosley of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, and Fleming of the 79<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending CSX Transportation's Rice Yard in Waycross on its 25th anniversary as a  
2 major North American rail hub; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rice Yard, named for W. Thomas Rice, president of the former Atlantic Coast  
4 Line Railroad and Chairman emeritus of the former Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, opened  
5 in April, 1987, and secured Waycross' enduring role as an important railroad center; and

6 WHEREAS, the 850 acre facility, with more than 150 miles of track, consolidated four  
7 smaller yards into what remains a vital crossroads for rail freight traveling to cities and ports  
8 throughout North America; and

9 WHEREAS, Rice Yard provides employment for hundreds of CSX Transportation  
10 employees who have earned their terminal the top ranking among major CSX Transportation  
11 classification facilities in both safety and productivity; and

12 WHEREAS, the classification yard at Waycross processes nearly 1 million railcars each year,  
13 enough to stretch halfway around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Rice Yard is home to one of CSX Transportation's largest locomotive repair  
15 facilities, repairing an average of 35 locomotives per day; a major locomotive servicing  
16 center, servicing an average of 80 locomotives per day; and a major railcar repair facility,  
17 repairing an average of 60 cars per day; and

18 WHEREAS, Rice Yard management and employees have continually demonstrated their  
19 community spirit through support of civic organizations, churches, and charitable causes.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend CSX Transportation's Rice Yard and all of its employees  
22 on the 25th anniversary of their outstanding railroad facility.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the superintendent of Rice
- 3 Yard to share with all facility employees.