

Senate Resolution 446

By: Senators Blich of the 7th and Williams of the 19th

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 continues to be a vital crossroads for rail freight traveling to cities
8 and ports 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 SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend CSX Transportation's Rice Yard and all of its employees on the 25th anniversary
22 of their outstanding railroad facility.

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