

Senate Resolution 446

By: Senators Blitch 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.